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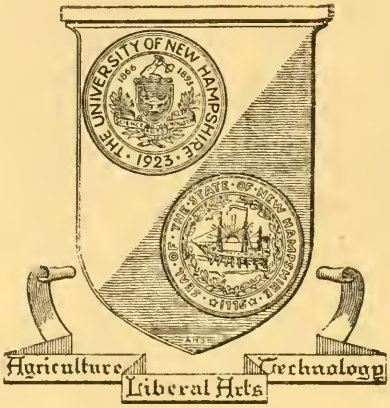

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THIRD MAYOR OF LACONIA.

1898.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

CITY OF LACONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898,

TOGETHER WITH OTHER ANNUAL REPORTS AND PAPERS RELATING TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY.

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DELIVERED BY THE MAYOR, CHARLES L. PULSIFER, MARCH 23, 1897.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We meet here today agreeably to law to take the oath of office and to assume control of the public affairs of this city for the present year. While we cannot at this time map out our course in detail, certain definite objects must be held in view that we may properly perform the duties intrusted to our care.

We begin the fifth year of our municipal life under business conditions that demand in every department the most rigid economy consistent with good service and a proper regard for the welfare and progress of our city.

Some of you realize that for various purposes we have been making from year to year large drafts on the future in anticipation of better times. But that era of prosperity is still deferred, though we hope that the dawn of a brighter day is not far remote.

I will submit the following figures taken from the late report bearing upon the present condition of the city's finances:

FINANCES.

The assessed valuation for 1895, was	$4,758,628
" " " 1896, was	4,823,878
An apparent gain for the year	$65,250

The tax rate the past year was $2.12 in Ward 6, and $2.00 in other wards.

The appropriations for 1896, were	$113,739.99
The expenditures for 1896, were	118,629.32
An excess of expenditures of	$4,889.33

This difference was largely due to unforeseen expenses, such as sewer construction, land damages, aid to dependent soldiers, purchase of school house lot and other causes for which no appropriation was made.

The amount raised by taxation the past year was .	$98,010.65
Amount received from other sources	16,538.42
Total	$114,549.07

The appropriations for the present year as recommended by the finance committee amount to $105,926.99 or less by $7,713 than they were last year, a reduction chiefly due to the lower county tax and smaller appropriation for the street department.

The list will be placed before you in full for such modification or revision as your judgment may approve. Unless there is a marked reduction in the current expenses, the sum recommended leaves nothing for special work or for permanent improvements. With the present tax rates, were the assessed valuation of the city and the income from sources other than taxation to remain unchanged, a small margin might be found for these purposes or for unforseen emergencies. But neither of these conditions is likely to prevail.

The income from the state and elsewhere has grown smaller each year: and the present assessed valuation in our city, it seems to me, is out of all proportion to the real valuation, as compared with other large towns and cities in New Hampshire.

The industrial disturbance common to the whole country has been felt with special force in this locality, resulting in idle factories, closed shops, empty houses and a consequent depreciation in the value of our property. I believe that a right adjustment of real estate values in connection with the tax ex-

emptions lately voted will reduce the coming April inventory to an amount not exceeding $4,500,000, upon which our appropriations must be made. On this basis, at the present tax rates, there will be received from taxes about $91,500; from other sources estimated, $15,000: total, $106,500; a revenue only large enough for current expenses unless our wants become more moderate.

THE CITY DEBT.

The city's indebtedness Feb. 15, 1897, was as follows:

Town of Laconia sewer bonds	$65,000.00
City of Laconia sewerage and funding bonds	117,000.00
Funding bonds	28,000.00
Ward 6 coupon notes, 3½ per cent.	13,000.00
Total funded debt	$223,000.00
Floating debt	23,567.00
Total debt	$246,567.00
Available assets, book value	22,965.18
Net debt	$223,601.82

There will doubtless be a shrinkage in assets, due to abatements and other causes, which will increase the net debt to $225,000.

A comparison with former reports shows that Laconia's debt has been steadily increasing since 1894, and as the borrowing capacity within the statutory limit is likely to be smaller the coming year than at any time since the city's incorporation, you will readily see the need of exercising the greatest care, and giving the closest scrutiny to ordinary expenditures that the debt burden may be kept within its present bounds.

Let the yearly demands be paid from the yearly assessments. We should not pile up debts for this purpose whether the tax levy be great or small, and to this end the public demand at our hands an economical, though not parsimonious administration of their municipal affairs.

SCHOOLS.

The control of the public schools is vested in a board of education elected by the people; it is independent in its authority, and has no official transactions with the city council except in the matter of appropriations. The last report states that the schools are in good condition, that the usual attendance and interest have been maintained, and that no special change has been made in the policy in vogue for the past few years. The subject of the cost of the department and the results attained brings to the front the whole school problem, which is at once too complex and difficult of solution to admit of full discussion at this time and place. I feel sure that the teachers, as a body, are doing earnest conscientious work on lines marked out for them, and are entitled to public confidence and support in the performance of their assigned work. Much of the criticism of late has its origin partly in an honest difference of opinion as to what constitutes the essentials in education and whether our schools are meeting the demand. The root of the difficulty is to be found in the system itself. It may be true that the school officials in their zeal for liberalizing the school course are trying to do more than the revenues of the city will permit. Some modification of the course of study, especially in the high school, is possible, without detriment to the legitimate claims of the great mass of our scholars. There is urgent need of a new school house at each end of the city, and with a revival of business it will be necessary to adopt some plan of action if the city has a proper regard for the health and welfare of its children.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Next in importance to the schools are the streets and roads. Our city is interested in good highways and in the adoption of some economic, well-defined policy that shall secure them. there has been a gradual improvement both in the condition and construction of our streets and suburban roads since we have become a city, and they are as good, doubtless, as will be found in any small city with conditions like our own.

Most of our highways are of necessity dirt roads and will

remain so for years to come. The overseer's skill should be directed to the making of them the best possible with the means at hand.

The expense of rebuilding most of the bridges and culverts, and the laying of long sections of large sized drain pipe, has been paid from the annual appropriation. With nearly seventy miles of road bed and all the bridges to look after, but little can be done in macadam, asphalt, or concrete paving with the money usually voted, unless the expenses of the department can be, as they should be, largely reduced.

The question of permanent road building in our city involves the purchase of suitable machines, especially a steam road roller, the establishing of street grades and lines, a knowledge of the materials to be used, and a well-defined plan of construction.

This subject is worthy of your thoughtful attention, and without doubt, our people would be gratified to see the work already begun on Church street extended to other important streets in the city.

SIDEWALKS.

The work on concrete sidewalks has been mostly in the nature of repairs. Large sections of walk, built eight or ten years ago, need recoating only, the bed being in good condition. The appropriation recommended is for this purpose. Dirt walks covered with coal ashes or gravel give satisfaction in many cases.

If more concrete walk is required, I believe in the adoption of an ordinance assessing the abutter for one-half the expense, as is the custom in many other cities.

SEWERS.

A small addition has been made to the sewer system the past year, and further extensions are called for and will be made when conditions become more favorable.

Other house connections will be made as times improve. The sewer system is in good working order and is in every way satisfactory under the skillful supervision of the present superintendent.

HYDRANT SERVICE.

A contract for five years from March 1, 1897, has been made with the water company for hydrant service and other municipal purposes on terms favorable to the city. We now pay twenty-five dollars per year apiece for eighty-two hydrants.

PARKS.

Work on Folsom park has been suspended for two years past, owing to hard times, but will be resumed when the city is in better condition to continue the improvements on it. A payment of $100 is made each year by the terms of the deed.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The public library is growing in usefulness and has been especially well patronized by the unemployed the last year. The suggestions in the report of Mr. Davis in regard to the use of the library in connection with the public schools are timely and to the point.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This is an independent department, under the jurisdiction of commissioners appointed by the governor of the state. The commission selects the men and fixes their number, makes the rules governing the department and is responsible for the standing of the force. The regular force now consists of a marshal, assistant and four patrolmen, together with several specials who are subject to call. The force is well organized, under good discipline, and is attentive to its duties.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Every property owner is vitally interested in the organization, equipment, and discipline of an efficient fire department. Discussion in regard to these matters has been so recent that the facts in the case are well before you. A portion of the companies has remained unchanged, and long experience has made them familiar with their duties. But matters connected with the department as a whole call for consideration at an early day, with a view of placing it on a more satisfactory basis.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

The solicitor reports that he has disposed of all important litigated cases in his department excepting those of the lake company and the Belknap mills. These are suits for the abatement of taxes.

The former has long been pending and involves important questions of law. Much of the city's litigation is due to dissatisfaction with land damage awards and the changes of street lines and grades.

The council should take action only after a thorough examination of each case and a clear understanding with all parties whose rights are affected.

CONCLUSION.

In this imperfect survey of the field of our municipal work, many points of interest have been passed by that will come before us as the year advances.

Undue criticism of things past and present has been avoided and many recommendations have been omitted until a more intimate knowledge of the needs of each department shall be obtained. In entering upon the important and untried duties of this office, I am fully conscious of the high honor conferred and the feeling of confidence which this action of the people implies. When I consider the valuable and important services rendered the city by my predecessors, and the ability and zeal they exercised in the administration of its affairs, I am deeply impressed with the peculiar and difficult nature of the obligations which this trust imposes. It is my purpose to be true to that trust. I shall rely upon your sympathy and good will and sincerely ask your cordial aid and co-operation. Working in unison, in obedience to clear convictions of what is right and best, let us all strive so to discharge the duties of our office as to merit the approval of the whole people whom it is our privilege to serve.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS

FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AGAINST THE CITY.

All bills against the city must be approved by the person authorizing the charge; and unless this is done, no action can be had upon the bill by the committee on accounts and claims, and no order will be given for its payment. When bills are certified to as above, and left with the city clerk not later than Thursday, at 12 o'clock, m., preceding the last Monday of each month, they will be audited by the committee on accounts and claims, and if approved by them and allowed by the council, will be ready for payment on the following Wednesday, at the office of the city treasurer.

Meetings of the committee on accounts and claims are held on the Friday preceding the last Monday of each month, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m., at the city clerk's office.

CITY GOVERNMENT,

LACONIA, N. H.

Inaugurated fourth Tuesday in March, yearly. Stated meetings: the last Monday of each month, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m., at the Council Rooms, Masonic Temple.

1897.

CITY COUNCIL.

MAYOR.

Elected March 9, 1897, for one year. Salary, $300 per annum.

CHARLES L. PULSIFER.

Office: Room 12, Masonic Temple, Main street. Residence: 114 School street.

COUNCIL.

No salary.

Ward 1—DAVID B. STORY.*
JACOB SANBORN.†
Ward 2—CHARLES F. RICHARDS.*
HARLEY W. CAREY.†
Ward 3—GEORGE E. STEVENS.*
CHARLES F. STORY.†
Ward 4—JAMES McGLOUGHLIN.*
JOHN F. MERRILL.†
Ward 5—RUFUS C. JAMES.* (Resigned Feb. 22, '97.)
FRANK A. EDWARDS.‡
WESLEY J. WEBSTER.†

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*Elected March 10, 1896, for two years. †Elected March 9, 1897, for two years.
‡Elected March 9, 1897, for one year, to fill vacancy.

COUNCIL — Continued.

Ward 6—CHARLES L. PULSIFER.* (Resigned Feb. 15, '97.)
JULIUS E. WILSON.*
AUGUSTUS W. SMITH.‡ (Died May 8.)
GEORGE E. HULL.†
EDWIN D WARD.†
JOHN R. LEAVITT.§

CLERK.

SIMEON C. FRYE, Ex-Officio.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Finance—The Mayor, Councilmen Wilson and Merrill.

Accounts and Claims—Councilmen Ward, McGloughlin and Edwards.

Public Instruction—Councilmen Carey, Sanborn and Smith.‖

Roads and Bridges—Councilmen McGloughlin, Story, D. B., and Hull.

Sewers—Councilmen Smith,‖ McGloughlin and Carey.

Fire Department—Councilmen Stevens, Richards and Ward.

Police and Licenses—Councilmen Merrill, Story, D. B., and Wilson.

Lighting Streets—Councilmen Richards, Webster and Smith.‖

Parks and Commons—Councilmen Sanborn, Edwards and Story, C. F.

Election and Returns—Councilmen Story, D. B., Hull and Stevens.

Engrossed Ordinances—Councilmen Story, C. F., Webster and Carey.

Street Names, Numbers and Guide Boards—Councilmen Webster, Ward and Sanborn.

School Houses and Lands—Councilmen Edwards, Wilson and Merrill.

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*Elected March 10, 1896, for two years. †Elected March 9, 1897, for two years.
‡Elected March 9, 1897, for one year, to fill vacancy.
§Elected June 28, 1897, to fill vacancy caused by death of Augustus W. Smith.
‖Deceased.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

CITY CLERK.

Elected March 27, 1897. Salary, $600 per annum and fees as provided by law.

SIMEON C. FRYE.

Office: Room 12, Masonic Temple, Main street.

CITY TREASURER.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $150 per annum.

ARTHUR W. DINSMOOR.

Office: Laconia National Bank.

CITY SOLICITOR.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $300 per annum.

STEPHEN S. JEWETT.

Office: Rooms 3-8, Masonic Temple, Main street.

CITY MESSENGER.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $100 per annum.

GEORGE E. CHASE.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Salary, $700 per annum for the board.

EDWIN F. BURLEIGH.
JONATHAN L. MOORE.
STEPHEN S. AYER.

Office: Room 1, Masonic Temple, Main street.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $600 per annum conditional on amount collected.

FRED A. YOUNG.

Office: 509 Main street (up stairs).

CITY ENGINEER, SUPERINTEDENT OF SEWERS AND STREET COMMISSIONER.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $1,300 per annum.

WILLIAM NELSON.

Office; Room 21, Masonic Temple, Main street. Residence: 23 Pearl street.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For Wards One and Six.

ARTHUR TUCKER.

777 Union avenue.

For Wards Two, Three, Four and Five.

ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT.

501 Main street.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $50 each per annum.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Elected March 23, 1897. Salary, $50 per annum.

J. G. QUIMBY, M. D.

Office and Residence: 679 Union avenue.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salary, $200 per annum for the board.

President—D. L. DAVIS.

Residence: 72 Clinton street.

Secretary—DR. W. H. TRUE.

Office and Residence: 21 Academy street.

F. F. ELKINS.

Haven avenue (The Weirs).

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Salary, $90 per annum for the board.

Elected March 12, 1895, for three years.

WILLIAM A. PLUMMER, *President.*
ALBERT C. MOORE, *Secretary.*
CHARLES L. PULSIFER.

BOARD OF EDUCATION — Continued.

Elected March 10, 1896, for three years.

LYDIA E. WARNER.
WOODMAN BRADBURY.*
CHARLES J. A. WARDWELL.*

Elected March 9, 1897, for three years.

CHARLES F. STONE.†
WOODBURY L. MELCHER.*
JOSEPH L. ODELL.‡

Elected by board to fill vacancies.

ALPHA H. HARRIMAN.
J. GRANT QUIMBY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLIAM N. CRAGIN.

Resigned at close of school year, June 1897. Salary, $1,200 per annum.

JOSEPH H. BLAISDELL.

Engaged at beginning of school year, Sept. 1897. Salary, $1000 per annum.

PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Salary $1,200 per annum.

HOYT H. TUCKER.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES.

Ward 1—FRED W. STORY.
Ward 2—CHARLES C. DAVIS.
Ward 3—JOHN T. BUSIEL.
Ward 4—WILLIAM F. KNIGHT.
Ward 5—CHARLES K. SANBORN.
Ward 6—CHARLES F. LOCKE.
A. STANTON OWEN.

LIBRARIANS.

JULIA S. BUSIEL.
OLIN S. DAVIS.

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*Resigned. †Did not qualify. ‡Deceased.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Council.

FRANK E. BUSIEL.
FRED C. SANBORN.
CHARLES W. VAUGHAN.

CITY MARSHAL.

Appointed by Police Commissioners. Salary, $800 per annum.

HENRY K. W. SCOTT.

Office: 739 Main street.

ASSISTANT CITY MARSHAL.

Appointed by Police Commissioners. Salary, $750 per annum.

FRANK A. BAILEY.

POLICE OFFICERS.

Appointed by Police Commissioners. Salary, $730 per annum.

BERT M. HUTCHINS.
CHARLES A. HARVELL.
CHARLES E. SMALL.
JAMES B. FERNALD.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

Appointed by Police Commissioners. Pay, $1.75 each per day of actual service.

FRED R. ADAMS,
CHARLES P. CLEMENT,
NELSON P. GILMAN,
THOMAS PARENT,
EUGENE T. YOUNG,
JONATH'N B. CHAPMAN,
ROBERT S. FOSS,
SAM D. McGLOUGHLIN,
DAVID H. TAYLOR,
EDWIN A. BADGER,
FRED O. GOSS,
JOHN M. SANBORN,
HENRY L. WILKINSON,
FRED A. FLOYD,
JOHN H. BOARDMAN,
FREEMAN F. ELKINS,
ORRIN H. LEWIS,
HENRY SHEPARD,
ROBERT E. L. BEAN,
ALBERT COLBY,
ALBERT GRIFFIN,
JOHN D. REID,
MOSES T. WHITTIER,
EZEKIEL W. GRAY,
ORVIS T. MUZZEY,
PETER H. TRAINOR,
EDMUND G. HOWE,
WILLIAM A. SMITH.
JUDSON A. CUNNINGHAM.

POLICE COURT.

POLICE JUSTICE.

Salary, $300 per annum.

GEORGE H. EVERETT.

ASSOCIATE POLICE JUSTICE.

Paid $2 per day of service.

TRUE W. THOMPSON.

CLERK.

Salary, $100 per annum.

MARTIN B. PLUMMER.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

Salary, $100 per annum.

MOSES T. WHITTIER.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

Salary, $50 each per annum.

1st—JOHN M. SANBORN.

2d—ALBERT W. WILCOX.

3d—EDWIN H. DOCKHAM.

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Salary, $150 per annum.

HARRY H. WARDWELL.

OTHER CITY OFFICERS.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LISTS.

Elected by City Council, Nov. 4, 1896.

CHARLES W. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

Elected at biennial election, Nov. 3. 1896. Salary, $2 per day of service.

Ward 1—FRANK L. CAWLEY.
Ward 2—JOSEPH P. MORIN.
Ward 3—J. FRANK SLEEPER.
Ward 4—CHARLES L. KIMBALL.
Ward 5—THOMAS B. WEEKS.
Ward 6—GEORGE W. COLE.
OLIVER F. GRIFFIN.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES A. BUSIEL.
SAMUEL B. SMITH.
FRANK P. HOLT.

CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

Salary, $100 per annum. Store, No. 49 Fore street.

SAMUEL R. JONES.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

LEWIS S. PERLEY.
HORACE O. BUGBEE.
JAMES FENNELL.
DAVID K. MARSH.
CHARLES F. BROWN.
D. L. DAVIS.
JOHN L. ROBERTS.
CHARLES E. FRYE.
GEORGE W. TARLSON.
JOHN C. FOGG.
FRED L. BICKFORD.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

LEWIS S. PERLEY.
CHARLES F. BROWN.
JAMES FENNELL.
JOHN C. FOGG.
OAKMAN G. VANNAH.
CHARLES A. FALES.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, STRAW, COAL AND OTHER ARTICLES.

GEORGE A. SANDERS.
DANIEL L. DAVIS.
JOHN PARKER SMITH.
JOHN H. DOW.
HENRY B. QUINBY.
JOSEPH S. MORRILL.
FRANK B. ELWELL.
FRANK A. WADLEY.
HORACE E. DURGIN.
DAVID K. MARSH.

CULLER OF BRICK.

JONATHAN TILTON.

MEASURERS OF STONE.

JONATHAN L. MOORE.
FORREST G. BERRY.
LEWIS S. PERLEY.

INSPECTORS OF PETROLEUM.

EDGAR C. COVELL.
CHARLES F. BROWN.

MEASURERS OF BRICK AND PLASTERING.

FORREST G. BERRY.
JOSEPH L. ODELL.

MEASURERS OF PAINTING.

TRUE W. THOMPSON.
OLIVER F. GRIFFIN.

MEASURERS OF CHARCOAL.

JAMES D. SANBORN.
J. A. MITCHELL.

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

GEORGE A. SANDERS.
HORACE G. WHITTIER.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

Salary, $25 each per annum.

CHARLES H. CORLISS.
HEZEKIAH BICKFORD.
CHARLES P. CLEMENT.

POUND KEEPER.

STEPHEN B. BLAISDELL.

FENCE VIEWERS.

LEWIS S. PERLEY.
CHAS. E. McCARTNEY.
EDWARD D. SMITH.
CHARLES E. SWAIN.

LICENSED PLUMBERS.

MARTIN G. GURLEY.
THOS. W. McNAMARA.
WILLIAM O. REGON.
JOHN J. CASSIDY.
THOMAS F. CAVENY.
J. PRENTICE RAND.
PHILIP M. ENGLISH.
JOHN S. MORRISSEY.

LICENSED DRAIN LAYERS.

WYATT M. STEVENS.
BENAIAH S. GEORGE.
AMOS A. HOBBS.
JOSHUA T. DURHAM.

CUSTODIANS OF CITY CLOCKS.

EDGAR C. COVELL.
Paid $20 per annum.
WALTER D. HEATH.
Paid $50 per annum.

WARD OFFICERS.

MODERATORS.

Elected Nov. 3, 1896, for two years. Salary, $3.00 per term.

Ward 1—FRANK M. SANBORN.
Ward 2—ALBERT C. MOORE.
Ward 3—SAMUEL B. SMITH.
Ward 4—WILLIAM NELSON.
Ward 5—CHESTER C. GILMAN.
Ward 6—EDWIN D. WARD.

WARD CLERKS.

Elected Nov. 3, 1896, for two years. Salary, $7.00 per term.

Ward 1—WILLIS G. WATSON.
Ward 2—HARLEY W. CAREY.
Ward 3—WILLIAM S. WALLACE.*
Ward 4—ALMON L. SANBORN.†
Ward 5—HOWARD E. WELLS.‡
Ward 6—CHARLES H. DOW.

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*Resigned. Judson A. Cunningham elected by City Council.
†Resigned. Amos J. Dinsmoor elected by City Council.
‡Resigned. Alfred C. Wyatt elected by City Council.

SELECTMEN.

Salary, $5.00 per term.

Elected March 12, 1895, for three years.

Ward 1—FREEMAN H. BATCHELDER.
Ward 2—ARTHUR R. MERRILL.
Ward 3—FRED DEXTER.*
Ward 4—JAMES McGLOUGHLIN.
Ward 5—ARTHUR TURGEON.
Ward 6—FRANK S. SUMNER.

Elected March 10, 1896, for three years.

Ward 1—FRED F. EASTMAN.
Ward 2—ALDEN Y. POWERS.
Ward 3—WILLIAM L. SWAIN.
Ward 4—JOHN F. MERRILL.
Ward 5—WESLEY J. WEBSTER.
Ward 6—LEROY M. GOULD.

Elected March 9, 1897, for three years.

Ward 1—WARD B. HUTCHINS.†
Ward 2—EUGENE F. DEAN.
Ward 3—CHARLES M. AVERY.
Ward 4—ALBERT T. QUINBY.
Ward 5—ARTHUR C. S. RANDLETT.
Ward 6—LIBBEUS E. HAYWARD.

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*Resigned. John A. Mitchell elected by City Council.
†Resigned. Fred E. Moore elected by City Council.

ORDINANCES.

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AN ORDINANCE in amendment of "An Ordinance in relation to the Fire Department."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 1 of "An ordinance in relation to the Fire Department," passed and approved June 12, 1893, be amended by striking out the word "five" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word "three," so that said section shall read as follows:

The fire department shall consist of a chief engineer, three assistant engineers, and as many enginemen, hosemen, and hook and ladder men, to be divided into companies, as the number of engines and the number and quantity of other fire apparatus belonging to the city shall from time to time require. And said engineers shall constitute the board of engineers, and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of fire wards. The chief engineer or either of his assistants shall in no case be eligible to any other office or membership in the fire department.

Passed and approved May 3, 1897.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE in amendment of an ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance in amendment of section 16 of an ordinance fixing the salary and compensation of certain officers."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That section 1 of an ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance in amendment of section 16 of

an ordinance fixing the salary and compensation of certain officers," be amended by striking out the figures 500 in the fifth line and the figures 200 in the sixth line and inserting in place thereof the figures 300 and 100 respectively, so that the last clause of said section shall read as follows:

The salary of the justice of the police court shall be $300 per annum, and the salary of the clerk of said court shall be $100 per annum, which shall be paid in equal quarterly payments, and the salaries so received shall be in full for services of every kind rendered by them in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to their office.

Passed and approved May 3, 1897.

C. L. Pulsifer, Mayor.

An Ordinance in amendment of "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance passed June 26, 1894, entitled "An ordinance fixing the salary and compensation of certain officers."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That section 2 of "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance passed June 26, 1894, entitled "An ordinance fixing the salary and compensation of certain officers," be amended by striking out the word three in the fourth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word two, so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 2. That section 2 of said ordinance be amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following: That the board of health shall be paid the sum of two hundred dollars per annum in full for the services of the entire board, payable semi-annually.

Passed and approved May 3, 1897.

C. L. Pulsifer, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE in amendment of "An ordinance in relation to the public library."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the first article of section 2 of "An ordinance in relation to the public library" be stricken out and the following substituted in place thereof: To expend the amount from time to time appropriated for the use and increase of the public library, or such part thereof as may be necessary; also, any donations of money or incomes of funds, which have been or which may hereafter be donated to the city for the use or increase of the public library, and deliver all bills contracted, duly approved to the proper city official for payment.

That section 4 be added to said ordinance as follows:

All funds and donations of money for the public library shall be deposited with the city treasurer, who shall keep a separate account of each of such funds, and such donations or incomes of funds shall be payable from the treasury on orders of the mayor.

All bills and debts shall be payable from the city treasury in manner provided in other cases.

Passed and approved May 3, 1897.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to telegraph, telephone, electric light and other wires.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. All telegraph, telephone, electric light wires, and all other wires, now or hereafter suspended from poles erected in highways or other places in the city of Laconia, under license of the city council, shall be placed below the lines of wire of the fire alarm telegraph of said city; and the topmost arm of all poles hereafter erected under such license shall be reserved for the use of the wires of said fire alarm

telegraph system; and the two inside wires, if for the conduction of electricity for electric lighting or power, upon the arms of all such poles shall be placed at such distance apart as will enable a man to pass between them without touching either of said wires.

SEC. 2. All wires now suspended from poles as aforesaid which are above the lines of the fire alarm telegraph system of the city shall within sixty (60) days from the passage of this ordinance be lowered so as to run under the lines of the said fire alarm telegraph system, and no wire running under the said fire alarm wires shall be suspended within the distance of three (3) feet from the said wires of the fire alarm telegraph system.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer of the fire department to see that the provisions of this ordinance are carried into effect.

Passed and approved June 7, 1897.

C. L. PULSIFER Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to excavations in paved streets.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. No person or persons, corporation or company, shall excavate or disturb any material in any highway, street, square, lane, alley, or other public place in this city, the surface of which is covered with macadam, granite block, coal-tar concrete, brick, or other form of pavement, without first obtaining permission of the street commissioner and depositing with him a sum of money estimated by him to be sufficient to pay the cost to the city of replacing the earth excavation and the pavement disturbed in the best possible manner, under the direction and to the satisfaction of the said street commissioner or his duly authorized agent. In performing the work required by this ordinance, only such persons shall be employed and such materials used as said commissioner may direct; and on the completion of the work, said commissioner

shall deilver to the party making the deposit an itemized account of the total cost, and shall return to said party the balance of the deposit, if any, unexpended. In case of a serious break in the water pipe, or hydrant, the water works superintendent is authorized to take needful measures to repair the same at once, and shall then proceed forthwith to notify the street commissioner and make the deposit as above required.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars; and it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to see that the provisions of this ordinance are carried into effect.

Passed and approved October 25, 1897.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to inspection and inspectors of petroleum.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. The city council shall, annually, in the month of March. elect one or more inspectors of petroleum.

SEC. 2. The duties of said inspectors shall be the same as are prescribed as the duties of such officers in chapter 126 of the public statutes.

SEC. 3. Said inspectors shall receive, as compensation for their services, the fee of twenty-five cents for each inspection of all petroleum or its products by them inspected, and the same shall be paid by the persons requiring their services.

SEC. 4. Any person or firm applying for a license under the provisions of chapter 126 of the public statutes shall, before receiving the same, pay to the city clerk a fee of twenty-five cents therefor.

Passed and approved January 1, 1898.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS.

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A Resolution to exempt the Laconia Car Company Works from taxation.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows :

Whereas, A corporation known as The Laconia Car Company Works has recently been formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of manufacturing cars of all kinds, to own patents and to assign them at its will and pleasure, and to manufacture and deal in all articles made of wood, iron, or any of the metals, of paper, in the manufactures of fabrics made of wool, cotton or of wood ; and,

Whereas, Said company is about to locate for business in some city in Massachusetts or New Hampshire ; and,

Whereas, We believe it would be greatly to the advantage and benefit of our city to have said company locate and prosecute its business here, and as an inducement and consideration to said company to locate and establish its aforesaid business in our city of Laconia ; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the city council of the city of Laconia, as follows : That the city of Laconia, in consideration that said the Laconia Car Company Works locate, establish and prosecute its aforesaid business in good faith in our said city of Laconia, does hereby exempt from taxation all the money, property and estate of the said the Laconia Car Company Works which may be invested and used by said company in the prosecution of its said business in said Laconia for the period of ten years from and after the first of March, 1897 ; provided, however, that if the said the Laconia Car Company Works shall remain idle for nine months or more in any year of the period of exemption, then this resolution shall be

of no effect, and the exemption shall be null and void during said period of idleness, and said property, money and estate shall be taxed for that year and until the said the Laconia Car Company Works shall resume active operations.

Adopted March 5, 1897. Approved.

S. B. SMITH, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Treasurer to hire money.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the city treasurer be and hereby is authorized to hire on the credit of the city a sum of money not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000), for a time not exceeding four months, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum, in anticipation of taxes.

Adopted March 29, 1897. Approved.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of horses.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the mayor be and hereby is authorized and directed to purchase four horses for the use of the city, the purchase price for the same not to exceed six hundred dollars; and the mayor is also authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary in the purchase of said horses. One-half of the total amount expended to be charged to the appropriation for highways and bridges, and one-half to the appropriation for fire department.

Adopted April 9, 1897. Approved.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION raising money and making appropriations for the year ending February 15, 1898.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars ($85,000.00) be raised for the use of the city for the year ending February 15, 1898, by tax on the polls and estates liable to be taxed therein, which, together with such unappropriated money as may

now be in the treasury, or may hereafter come into it, shall be appropriated as follows, which appropriations shall be in full for all expenditures in each department named:

State tax	$11,260.00
County tax	13,050.43
Schools	22,000.00
Highways and bridges	12,000.00
Concreting; bridges $450, sidewalks $500	950.00
Fire department	3,000.00
Hydrant service	2,250.00
Street lighting	8,000.00
Police department	4,300.00
Memorial day	200.00
Support of poor	800.00
Aid furnished dependent soldiers and their families	200.00
Public libraries	700.00
City clocks	200.00
Health department	100.00
Sewer maintenance	1,000.00
City engineering	200.00
Parks	100.00
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500.00
Interest on bonds and notes	9,500.00
Payment of Nos. 3 and 4 city of Laconia funding bonds	2,000.00
Salaries	5,917.00
	$100,227.43

In addition to the above the following amounts shall be raised by an extra assessment upon the polls and estates in Ward 6 of this city, liable to be taxed therein, and shall be appropriated for the following purposes, viz.:

Payment of Nos. 5 and 6 Ward 6 coupon notes	$1,000.00
Interest on Ward 6 coupon notes	446.25
Total	$101,673.68

Adopted May 3, 1897. Approved.

C. L. Pulsifer, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the payment of the appropriation made in 1890 for covering the Perley canal.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the appropriation of $800 made by the town of Laconia in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety for covering the Perley canal in connection with the Laconia Car Company be paid to the Laconia Car Company Works whenever said company shall complete the said covering on Main street to the satisfaction of the mayor and city engineer. The city reserves the right to enter said canal for the purposes of water supply and surface drainage, and all pipes now located or which may hereafter be located by the city shall have rights of passage through, over or under the canal.

Adopted May 3, 1897. Approved.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Treasurer to hire money.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the city treasurer be and hereby is authorized to hire on the credit of the city a sum of money not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, for a time not exceeding six months, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum, in anticipation of taxes.

Adopted June 28, 1897. Approved.

C. L PULSIFER, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION requiring the Boston & Maine Railroad to erect and maintain gates at grade crossings.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the Boston & Maine Railroad be and hereby is required, in accordance with the laws of New Hampshire, to erect and maintain gates by the sides of the railroad across the following named highways, in the city of Laconia, N. H., which highways are crossed by said railroad at grade—Mes-

ser street, crossing between numbers 212 and 224 of said street; Messer street, crossing between numbers 61 and 65 of said street; Main street; Pleasant street; Water street; Fair street; Bay street; and Union avenue, near Black brook, so called.

And said railroad is hereby further required to keep careful and competent gatemen in constant and uninterrupted attendance at each and every crossing where gates have been or may hereafter be erected in said city, during each and every day of the year and of every year, between the hours of six o'clock in the forenoon and nine o'clock in the afternoon.

Adopted September 27, 1897. Approved.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION directing the city solicitor to enforce the collection of the Gilford tax lists.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the city solicitor be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to immediately commence proceedings for the settlement of the tax lists belonging to said city which are in the hands of estate of Levi Gove, C. A. George, S. S. Ayer, George P. Munsey, E. H. Blaisdell, Norris L. Taylor and Freeman G. Smith, with power and authority to bring any legal proceedings which may be necessary to enforce the collection and settlement of said taxes and to do anything which may be necessary and proper in relation to enforcing a settlement with said Gove, George, Ayer, Munsey, Blaisdell, Taylor and Smith and the collection of said taxes, to be paid to the city.

Adopted January 31, 1898. Approved.

C. L. PULSIFER, Mayor.

A RESOLUTION to extend the time of exemption from taxation of the Laconia Car Company Works for the year 1897.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS, A resolution exempting the Laconia Car Com-

pany Works from taxation was passed March 5th, 1897, which resolution was as follows:

WHEREAS, A corporation known as the Laconia Car Company Works has recently been formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of manufacturing cars of all kinds, to own patents and to assign them at its will and pleasure, and to manufacture and deal in all articles made of wood, iron, or any of the metals, of paper, in the manufacture of fabrics made of wool, cotton, or of wood; and,

WHEREAS, Said company is about to locate for business in some city in Massachusetts or New Hampshire; and,

WHEREAS, We believe it would be greatly to the advantage and benefit of our city to have said company locate and prosecute its business here and as an inducement and consideration to said company to locate and establish its aforesaid business in our city of Laconia, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the city council of the city of Laconia, as follows: That the city of Laconia in consideration that said the Laconia Car Company Works locate, establish and prosecute its aforesaid business in good faith in our said city of Laconia does hereby exempt from taxation all the money, property and estate of the said the Laconia Car Company Works which may be invested and used by said company in the prosecution of its said business in said Laconia for the period of ten years from and after the first day of March, 1897; provided, however, that if the said the Laconia Car Company Works shall remain idle for nine months or more in any year of the period of exemption then this resolution shall be of no effect and the exemption shall be null and void during said period of idleness, and said property, money and estate shall be taxed for that year and until the said the Laconia Car Company Works shall resume active operations; and,

WHEREAS, It appears that the said the Laconia Car Company Works has in good faith, located, established and prosecuted its business, and has made large, extensive and permanent improvements; and,

WHEREAS, In consequence of the great depression in business the said the Laconia Car Company Works has not been

able to prosecute its business so fully as contemplated, but has operated as extensively as possible considering the great depression, and,

WHEREAS, It appears that large orders have been received for work which is to be immediately entered upon; therefore,

RESOLVED, That all taxes upon the property of the said the Laconia Car Company Works which might be assessed upon it, if any could be legally assessed, be abated, and in consideration aforesaid the city of Laconia hereby exempts said property from taxation for the year ending April 1st, 1898.

Adopted January 31, 1898. Approved.

C. L PULSIFER, Mayor.

ORDERS.

An Order directing the Street Commissioner to have the black horse called Dick killed.

Ordered, That the street commissioner cause the black horse called Dick to be killed.

Passed April 26, 1897. Approved.

C. L. Pulsifer, Mayor.

An Order directing that an election be held in Ward 6 to fill vacancy in city council.

Ordered, That an election be held in Ward 6 of this city to fill a vacancy existing in the city council caused by the death of Augustus W. Smith, who was elected in said ward March 9, 1897, to serve for one year; and that the city clerk notify the board of supervisors, and the selectmen of Ward 6, of the same, and direct them to proceed forthwith to call a meeting in said ward for the purpose of such election in accordance with the provisions of the public statutes in such cases.

Passed June 7, 1897. Approved.

C. L. Pulsifer. Mayor.

FRANCHISES.

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NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by the board of selectmen of the town of Laconia, N. H , to erect and maintain poles and wires thereon in the streets and highways in the said town of Laconia, N. H. The posts shall be of suitable material and within the limits of the village precinct shall not be less than ten (10) inches in diameter. The poles shall be either sawed eight (8) square or if round shall be straight and free from knots; all poles within the village precinct shall be painted. The wires shall not be less than twenty (20) feet from the ground within the village precinct and all wires shall be so placed as not to interfere with the safe, free and convenient use of the public travel.

A. S. Gordon.
A. J. Farrar.
C. E. Swain.

(Signatures of Selectmen of Laconia, N. H.)

This permit is recorded in the record of the town of Laconia.

Willie H. Osgood, Town Clerk.

Date January 16, 1893.

Received January 17, 1893, at 11.30 o'clock a. m and recorded.

A true copy. Attest :

Willie H. Osgood, Town Clerk.

PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 25, 1895.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia:

The undersigned respectfully represent that there is occasion for a private telephone line from some point on or near Main street to the limits of the city running in the northwesterly direction to the cottages owned by them on the shore of Lake Winnisquam; and they therefore request that the privilege be granted them to erect poles and string wires on the same over the route designated, and promise strict compliance with all laws and ordinances, if the request be granted.

James H. Story.
C. W. Tyler.
George F. Preston.
A. Barney.
F. George H. Osgood.
George A. Sanders.
Walter L. Huse.
F. H. Lougee
H. K. W. Scott.
Walter S. Baldwin.
A. S. Gordon.
F. R. Folsom.
Leon C. Huse.

The petition was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

May 25, 1895, the petition was returned by Mr. Wilson for the committee, without report.

On motion by Mr. O'Connor the prayer of the petitioners was granted, the poles to be erected under the supervision of the committee on roads and bridges; it being understood that no poles would be erected between Mr. Story's store and Oak street, and from there to the county farm only such poles would be erected as would be suitable for use for the electric light and fire alarm wires.

FRANCHISE GRANTED THE CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY, NOVEMBER 30, 1896.

To the Citizens Telephone Company of Laconia, N. H.:

You are hereby authorized to erect poles by the side of Lakeside avenue in Ward 1, and Endicott and Lake streets and Union avenue to Stark street in Ward 6 with the privilege of stringing wires on the same and the privilege of stringing wires in the city whenever necessary without erecting additional poles. Said authority for the erection and maintenance of said poles and wires to continue for the term of ten years from the date thereof unless sooner revoked by the city council, and said authority to erect poles and string wires as aforesaid is given subject to the following conditions and stipulations on the part of said Citizens Telephone Company to be kept and performed, otherwise such authority to be of no effect whatsoever.

First. The authority hereby granted to absolutely end at the expiration of ten years from the date thereof unless extended by a vote of the city council.

Second. The authority hereby given for the erection of poles and the stringing of wires is for the exclusive purpose of doing telephone business only, unless otherwise authorized by the vote of the city council.

Third. The city council reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given and granted and to change the terms and conditions thereof whenever in their opinion the public good requires.

Fourth. All of the poles set on Union avenue to be of good quality Georgia pine square poles, in size not less than eight inches nor more than twelve inches square at the base, and kept painted.

Fifth. All the poles set at The Weirs on any of the streets at or near The Weirs to be of good quality Georgia pine square poles, in size not less than eight inches nor more than twelve inches square at the base, and kept painted.

Sixth. That good, round, spruce poles or other poles approved by the mayor and city engineer may be erected

outside the city limits proper, except as hereinbefore defined.

Seventh. All poles erected of any kind to be of suitable heighth, but said telephone company will not be compelled to erect poles of more than forty-five (45) feet in length.

Eighth. The quality, size and location of all poles, the distance between same, the number of wires to be strung thereon and the distance of the wires above the ground is to be fixed and determined by the mayor and city engineer before any wires shall be strung or poles set.

Ninth. No poles or wires are to be so placed as to interfere with the safe, free and convenient use of the highway through which the same shall be set and strung for public travel, or of any private way leading thereform to adjoining land or buildings, or with the use of such land or buildings, or so as to interfere with any similar structure.

Tenth. Said telephone company must furnish for the use of the city, free of charge, during the continuance of the authority hereby given to said company by the city, instruments not exceeding five in number, and the same to be kept in repair at the expense of said telephone company so long as this authority given by the city to said company shall remain in force.

Eleventh. The city shall have the right at all times to use any and all of the poles of said telephone company for the stringing and maintaining of wires for fire alarm or for other city purposes during the continuance of the authority hereby given free of any charge or expense to the city.

Twelfth. The authority hereby conferred by the city to said telephone company to be of no effect whatsoever until said telephone company shall indemnify the city with a good and sufficient bond or insurance in some reliable company acceptable to the city council, the premiums on which shall be kept paid in advance by said company in a sum not less than $10,000 against all damages, costs or expenses to which the city may be subjected or by reason of any insufficiency or defect in the highway or from any damages or accidents occasioned by the presence of the wires and their supports therein.

Said indemnity in a sum not less than $10,000 to continue during the entire term of authority hereby granted from the city to said telephone company.

S. B. Smith, *Mayor.*

J. S. Whitten,
Charles F. Richards,
F. M. Sanborn,
John O'Connor,
O. A. Lougee,
James McGloughlin,
Rufus C. James,
J. B. F. Bell,
A. W. Smith,
Julius E. Wilson,
H. S. Young.
City Council.

FRANCHISE GRANTED THE LACONIA ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY NOV. 29, 1897.

To the Laconia Electric Lighting Company of Laconia, N. H.:

In addition to the powers and privileges you now have and enjoy for the erection of poles and the stringing of wires in the streets and highways of the city of Laconia, you are hereby further authorized and empowered to erect poles, string and maintain wires thereon for the transmission of electric current and power to be used for the purposes of electric lighting, electric power and for similar purposes, through, over, in and upon the streets and highways of the city of Laconia, N. H., subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

First. The location of all poles, their quality and size, the distance between the same and the number of wires to be strung thereon, and their distance above the ground is to be fixed and determined by the mayor and city engineer before any wires shall be strung or poles set.

Second. No poles or wires are to be so placed as to interfere with the safe, free and convenient use of the highway or street through which the same shall be set and strung for pub-

lic travel, or of any private way leading therefrom to adjoining land or building, or with the use of such land or buildings, or so as to interfere with any similar structure.

Third. The city shall have the right at all times to use any and all of the poles of said electric lighting company for the stringing and maintaining of wires for fire alarm and police purposes free of any charge or expense to the city.

Fourth. The authority hereby conferred by the city to said electric lighting company to be of no effect whatsoever until said company shall indemnify the city with a good and sufficient bond in a sum not less than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) against all damages, costs or expenses to which the city may be subjected by reason of any insufficiency or defect in any street or highway or from any damages or accidents occasioned therein by the presence of the wires and their supports, said indemnity to be and exist from said company so long as said company exercises any privileges under and by virtue of this license.

CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF LACONIA AND THE LACONIA AND LAKE VILLAGE WATER WORKS.

This agreement, made and entered into this eighth day of February, 1897, by and between the city of Laconia, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the state of New Hampshire, the party of the first part, hereinafter called the city, and the Laconia and Lake Village Water works, a corporation duly existing at said Laconia, the party of the second part, hereinafter called the water works.

Witnesseth. That the said water works, having constructed and placed eighty-two fire hydrants in the streets of said city, hereby contracts to maintain said hydrants, together with others which may hereafter be located by the city on the pipe lines of said water works, in constant repair and ready for immediate use at all times, unavoidable casualties excepted, for fire purposes only.

Said water works further agrees to supply all of such hydrants with water, at all times, throughout its pipe system, at

such a pressure as will be produced by keeping the water in the reservoir at a depth of not less than six feet and as much higher as practicable at all times, unavoidable casualties, repairs and cleaning excepted, and said water works will use its best efforts to keep said reservoir so filled.

Said water works further agrees that, to maintain a sufficient volume of water for fire purposes, it will endeavor by every practical means to keep the summits in its pipe lines free from the accumulation of air and the depressions free from deposits of sediment, and will in the planning of new pipe lines to which hydrants may be connected so gauge the diameter of said pipes as to secure an adequate supply for such purposes.

In the planning of new hydrants in the future and in the replacing of old ones the said water works agrees to furnish and set complete, ready for use, hydrants of approved modern design and construction, each one having two connections for 2 ½ inch hose and one steamer connection, said hydrants to be located by the board of fire engineers of said city. Said city, in consideration of the covenants hereinbefore stated, agrees to pay to said water works the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) per hydrant each year during the continuance of this contract; payments to be made semi-annually on the first days of March and September; provided, that in case any hydrant or hydrants shall be found out of repair or not supplied with water, an amount shall be deducted from the above price proportional to the fractional part of a year said hydrant or hydrants shall remain in such condition; also to pay the other sums hereinbefore mentioned.

Said city agrees to employ only competent men to handle the hydrants, the men to handle for other than fire purposes to be satisfactory to the superintendent of the water works company, and to report at once any defect or want of repair that may come to the knowledge of said operator, to the superintendent of said water works or his agent.

Said water works also agrees to meter and furnish water for use for all city purposes other than fire, where the same is or hereafter may be required, on its pipe lines, for the sum of fifteen cents per thousand gallons, for amounts not exceeding,

in all, one million gallons per annum, and for amounts exceeding one million gallons per annum for the sum of ten cents per thousand gallons for such excess, payments to be made as hereinbefore mentioned; except for two drinking fountains and four watering troughs, for which said water works agrees to supply water for one hundred dollars ($100) a year.

This contract shall in no wise affect a contract executed March 1, 1892, between the said water works and the town of Laconia, relative to the use of water for the supply of flush tanks.

This contract shall take effect March 1, 1897, and continue in force for five years thereafter.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be duly executed by the mayor and committee on finance of the city council on the part of said city and by the board of directors of said water works this eighth day of February, 1897.

CITY OF LACONIA.

By S. B. SMITH, *Mayor.*

S. B. SMITH,
C. L. PULSIFER,
O. A. LOUGEE,
Committee on Finance.

LACONIA AND LAKE VILLAGE WATER WORKS.

By B. F. DRAKE,
J. S. CRANE,
E. A. HIBBARD,
GARDNER COOK,
W. B. FELLOWS,
GEORGE H. ROBY,
Directors.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

To the City Council:

The following is submitted as the annual report of the street department. The present commissioner qualified and assumed control March 30, 1897, up to which time there had been expended from the appropriation for the year, including bills contracted before that time and paid later, the sum of $2,266.38, leaving from the regular appropriation available for use the sum of $9,733.62. This amount proved to be too small, but would have been made to answer had it not been for the very severe and costly snow storms which have been taken care of during the past seven weeks. Last year the expenditures for the last two and one-half months of the year, December, January and February, were $1,662.82; this year during the same period the expense has been $3,351.49, making an increase over last year of $1,688.67. The total expenditures for the past year have been $15,398.90. This amount, less $1,688.67, the increased winter expense as noted, would leave a nominal expenditure for this department for the past year of $13,710 23. The total receipts have been $14,038.54, which, you will see, would have left a balance on hand of $328.31. Your commissioner is very positive that an appropriation of $12,000 for the *care* and *maintenance* of highways is sufficient, if another appropriation is also made for *permanent improvements.*

During the past year an addition has been made to the city stable on Water street and two new horses have been purchased. A new snow roller has been secured for division No. 3 and has proved its efficiency during the last ten weeks.

Gilbert street has been put in a passable condition at an expense of $78.73. Jackson street has been built at a cost of $184.57. Walker street has been widened and improved at a cost of $120.21. Beech street has been built at an expense of $40.45. Winnicooash street has been improved at a cost of $35.48. Brook court has been machined and put in passable condition for $18.48. Grant street has been machined and a fill made at its junction with Lincoln street at an expense of $62.50. Gilford avenue has been worked to grade from Union avenue to the residence of O. L. Gilman and a sidewalk has been built on the south side of the street from H. W. Carey's land to the east side of lot owned by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Atwood; the expense incurred was $807.92. The cost of the stone curbing and other improvements on the northeast corner of Gilford and Union avenues, abutting property owned by Morrill Ames, was $333.66. The cost of the new fence and hand railing on Gilford avenue was $113.48. The sum of $33.30 has been expended on Morrill street in grading and putting the highway in better condition to take care of the surface water. A new sidewalk has been built on Middle street at an expense of $37.15. A new twenty-four inch Akron pipe culvert has been placed on Cottage street to take the place of one found to be insufficient in capacity for the amount of water to be taken care of; the expense was $69.83. A new surface sewer has been put in on Elm street near the corner of Jefferson street to replace an old stone culvert. Union avenue from the O. H. Lewis store to the residence of James A. Simpson has been put in good condition and a portion has been dressed with broken stone. The expense for feed, medical attendance and medicines for the horses owned by this department for the past year has been $2.14 per horse per week. The average price paid for hay during the year has been $15.17 per ton, delivered at stable.

With regard to matters demanding your consideration in the near future, your commissioner desires to call your attention to the following: The Perley canal through Main street, although a time-worn subject, should receive your earliest action. I have been imformed from reliable sources that the

Laconia Car Company Works are willing to take up this matter the coming spring if they can receive proper encouragement from the city in the matter of sharing a portion of the expense. Just what proportion of this expense, if any, should be borne by the city is a matter demanding consideration, but the points of utmost importance to my mind are, first, to secure a permanent construction that will allow the paving of Bank square; second, to adopt such a method of construction as will secure to the public the unobstructed underground use of the street for pipes, conduits, etc. This last condition is very important and if not attended to the error will become more apparent in future years as the location of underground structures becomes more difficult. The rights of a municipality to the underground use of its streets are becoming fully as important as usage that is more noticeable to the traveling public. Even if no other reason is apparent, the city is, in my opinion, justified in sharing a portion of the expense of this work, provided the method of construction will fulfill the conditions mentioned above.

New surface sewers are needed on Lincoln, Summer and Pleasant streets and should be constructed as soon as the financial condition of the city will permit.

The condition of Main street and Mill street bridges is anything but satisfactory and should receive your earliest attention. The bridge across Jewett brook on Union avenue should be replaced by a permanant structure strong enough to allow the passage of a steam road roller. In this connection it may be proper for your commissioner to say that he does not recommend the purchase of a steam road roller at the present time, as he believes that before such purchase is made some street or streets should be put in condition for its use and at least some one bridge should be made strong enough to allow the roller to cross the river in going to Ward 6 without being obliged to go around by way of the "Six-Mile ring." I would recommend, however, that the crusher plant now located in Ward 6 be installed in proper shape this coming year on a location more convenient for both ends of the city. Church street, from the bridge across the river to

Union avenue, should receive a substantial pavement, and, appreciating the financial condition of this city at the present time, your commissioner would recommend tar concrete as being the only pavement within the means of the city, proper for that locality; the preparation of the street to receive this pavement will require the expenditure of nearly as much money as the pavement itself.

In closing, I desire to say that whatever credit is due this department for the past year's work, belongs almost entirely to the superintendents of the different divisions as follows: Division No. 1, George H. Edwards; division No. 2, T. H. Lachance; division No. 3, Frank M. Sanborn; division No. 4, William A. Smith. The efficient and faithful labor of these men has made it possible for me to carry on three departments of the city work at the same time.

The following is a list of persons from whom money has been received during the past year and paid to the city treasurer. I also inclose an inventory of the property belonging to the city in my charge.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM NELSON,
Street Commissioner.

CASH RECEIVED BY STREET COMMISSIONER.

1897.			
Mar.	30.	C. E. Buzzell, cash on hand March 30, 1897, received as follows:	
Feb.	19.	L. S. Perley, sewer pipe	$1.60
Mar.	11.	William Morrison, horse medicine . . .	1.00
	30.	Laconia Water company, labor of teams, etc	10.38
			$15.98
Apr.	16.	Thomas Fuller, manure	6.00
		Edward Craig, sewer pipe	.30
May	1.	George W. Plummer, street waste . . .	1.00

May	1.	L. E. Dearborn, hay (one bale)	$1.10
		James Wilcox, manure	8.83
	25.	Wm. Estey, street waste	1.00
June	9.	J. H. Collins, box axle grease	.25
	19.	F. A. Childs, street waste	.70
July	29.	Laconia Water Co., repairing sidewalks .	4.50
Aug.	4.	L. S. Perley, sewer pipe	5.05
Sept.	9.	A. B. Sanborn, street waste	1.00
	13.	Dr. Vito, use of land on Water street .	9.00
Oct.	6.	E. F. Gordon, sewer pipe	.25
		F. L. Gilman, sewer pipe	2.28
	28.	Ralph Adams, manure	6.00
Nov.	29.	L. H. Cate, street waste	.70
1898.			
Jan.	8.	P. O'Neill, old bridge plank	2.00
	13.	D. K. Marsh, labor of T. H. Lachance .	.45
Feb.	7.	F. A. Young, street waste	2.00
	9.	W. A. Plummer, street waste	2 00
		F. W. Ladd, street waste	11.00
		Jefferson Gilbert, street waste	3.00
		Dennis McCarthy, street waste	.52
		Winnipesaukee Gas and Electric Co., labor paving	4.16
	10.	John Aldrich, labor and pipe	5.64
		Amos M. Cogswell, labor and pipe . .	2.92
		Laconia Water Co., labor, paving, etc. .	3.43
		John Dodge, street waste	5.00
		Frank E. Morin, street waste	5.00
			$111.06

Paid city treasurer as per receipts in hands of city clerk $111.06

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.

Division No. 1.

George H. Edwards, Superintendent.

Land and buildings on Water street	$3,500.00
" " Gilford avenue	125.00
1 new shed with shop	225.00
5 horses	625.00
7 harnesses and lead reins	140.00
5 blankets and 1 hood	22.00
3 carts and 3 sleds	280.00
1 stone cab	50.00
6 sidewalk plows	336.00
1 road machine	200.00
1 snow roller	90.00
1 pole scraper	15.00
1 reversible plow	10.00
1 rooter plow	20.00
1 drag	3.00
2 harrows	4.00
2 stone lifters	27.00
3 sand screens	12.00
2 eveners, 5 whiffletrees and 4 neck yokes	18.00
1 wagon jack	1.00
2 sets lead bars	8.00
2 stoves	20.00
1 bed spring, mattress, pillows, chairs, stands and desk	6.50
1 copper tank	3.00
Medicine, etc.	3.00
1 tub	1.00
6 stable brooms	2.50
4 monkey wrenches	3.00
3 grab hooks	3.00
5 chains	15 00
14 lanterns and 2 oil cans	6.00
2 saws and 3 augers	1.50
2 shaves, 1 screwdriver and 1 plane	1.50

2 braces and 20 bits	$3.00
3 scythes and snaths and 2 bush hooks	3.50
15 wooden shovels	1.50
10 steel snow shovels	3.50
1 trowel and 1 brick hammer	1.50
2 post spoons	1.50
4 wooden rakes	1.20
3 pike poles	2.00
1 harness pan	2.00
2 pruning shears	2.00
2 levels	3.00
1 square	1.25
1 adz	2 00
2 paving hammers and paving maul	7.00
1 cant dog	1.50
4 tamps, 2 steel wedges and 2 axes	5.50
2 long handled spades	1.20
3 hay forks	1.20
8 straps and 8 sand pails	8.50
1 mortar hoe	.50
4 scraper chains	1.00
1 ladder and 2 tool boxes	4.50
7 steel rakes	2.10
10 steel hoes	3.00
3 hand hammers and 25 points and chisels	9.00
7 bars and 5 grub hoes	6.50
7 blast drills, 25 plug drills	8.80
1 striking hammer	1.50
3 blast spoons and 2 bull points	2.50
1 set shear poles	3.00
8 square point shovels	3.20
20 spades	8.00
1 turf spade	.50
3 new spades	1.50
5 street broom handles	.50
19 new pick handles	2.50
Nails	3.00
1 grindstone	3.00

1 snow scraper	$3.00
1 cross cut saw	1.50
½ barrel cement	1.50
1 small force pump and hose	9.00
50 feet garden hose	5.00
1 N M. C. edge new	8.00
1 cord wood	4.00
5 pairs trace chains	3.00
1 4-horse whip	1.75
6 old sidewalk plow	6.00
1 map, framed	3.00
2 stone forks	1.00
2 wheel barrows	2 00
2 sewer inlets	7.00
Stone curbing	5.00
12 picks	9.50
1 lamp head	2.00
1500 brick	12.00
12 12-inch branches	12.00
13 8-inch branches	6.70
32 10-inch branches	16.00
8 12-inch bends	14.00
400 feet 6-inch pipe	24.00
16 feet 10-inch pipe	3.20
10 feet 20-inch pipe, double thick	7.40
6 6-inch els	2.00
34 feet 8-inch Akron pipe	3.75
	$6,067.75

Division No. 2.

T. H. Lachance, Superintendent.

1 pair horses	$500 00
1 2-horse cart and stone cab	75.00
1 new 2-horse cart	150.00
1 set double harnesses	75.00
1 tool box	3.00
14 spades	5.60
25 large shovels and 7 small shovels	12.50

7 picks and handles	$6.00
1 well scoop, 1 pipe hoe and 1 sod cutter	1.50
3 street brooms, 1 stable broom	2.30
1 bush hook and 2 bush scythes and snaths	2.75
2 grass scythes and snaths	2.00
7 hoes, 1 large hoe, 14 iron rakes	4.50
2 grub hoes	1.50
1 paving hammer, 1 paving maul	1.00
6 iron bars, 1 claw bars	4.75
10 drills, 1 drill spoon	5.50
10 wooden snow shovels	1.50
2 heavy sledges, 1 drill hammer	4.20
1 file, 1 whetstone	.25
1 stone lifter	16.00
3 wheelbarrows, 2 axes	3.50
2 trowels, 4 cold chisels, 1 brick hammer	2.95
Paint brushes	3.00
1 pattern for sled shoe	.75
2 sets 1-horse shafts	4,00
1 large grab hook	1.00
7 lanterns	2.45
6 tamping irons and pattern for same	2.84
1 set lead reins	4.00
1 5-gallon can, 1 1-gallon can, 2 small cans	2.00
Curry combs, brushes, etc.	1.00
4 iron pails, 3 straps	2 00
1 straight edge, 1 sand box	2.50
1 road machine, 3 snow plows	310.00
1 snow roller, 1 2-horse sled	100 00
4 street closers	6.00
5 chains, 1 plow	8.00
3 neck yokes, 3 whiffletrees	10.00
2 street blankets	9.00
2 cart wrenches, 3 monkey wrenches	2.00
2 dung forks, 1 hay fork	1.50
4 plug drills and wedges	2.00
200 feet leather hose	75.00
50 feet garden hose	1.00

2 baskets	$1.00
2 old collars	1.00
1 stone drag	3.00
1 cart jack	1.50
1 horse street roller	100.00
108 feet 15-inch pipe	44.00
24 feet 12-inch pipe	18.86
106 feet 2-inch iron pipe, at 8c	8.48
12 feet 10-inch pipe	3.00
84 feet 20-inch pipe	75.60
1 10x12 Y branch	1.50
1 10x10 Y branch	1.20
1 dump sled	20.00
2 storm blankets	7.00
2 stone forks, 2 wooden rakes	2.00
1 step-ladder, 1 hand-saw	1.50
1 tool house	25.00
2 sickles	.50
1 copper boiler	2.00
300 bricks	2.70
1 pole scraper	10.00
1 granite roller	5.00
1 coal stove	3.00
1 water pail	.40
1 level and box	3.00
Powder and fuse	1.00
2 sheds at Mrs. C. W. Pickering's yard	100.00
1 2-horse cart gear	65.00
1 crusher, engine and appliances (cost)	2,500.00
1 road machine	75.00
1 vise	3 00
30 feet stone curbing	9.60
	$4,526.18

DIVISION NO. 3.

F. M. Sanborn, Superintendent.

1 snow roller	$80.00
1 tool box	3.00

6 street rakes	$1.20
5 hoes, 3 grub hoes	2.80
2 forks, 1 sod cutter	1.30
1 drill blast	50
4 picks, 7 spades, 2 shovels	4.30
4 bush hooks	3.00
1 nail hammer	.50
1 axe	.50
8 steel snow shovels	4.00
2 bush scythes	1.20
1 paving hammer	.40
1 pair long reins	3.00
5 scythe snaths	2.50
1 ice chisel	1.50
2 stone forks	1.00
2 iron bars	.90
1 hand-saw	.50
1 sickle	.15
	$112.25

Division No. 4.

William A. Smith, Superintendent.

1 road machine	$150.00
1 snow roller	80.00
1 tool box	3.00
1 shed	75.00
1 sidewalk scraper	5.00
1 chain	3.00
1 stone lifter	15.00
6 hoes	1.50
3 wooden and 8 steel snow shovels	4.60
6 picks, 2 grub hoes	4.20
7 iron rakes, 3 steel bars	3.10
2 bush hooks, 3 bush scythes and snaths	4.00
1 hand axe, 1 hand-saw	2.00
1 nail hammer, 12 lanterns	4.10
1 fork wrench, 1 stone hammer	1.00
1 wheelbarrow	1.00

1 post spoon	.75
11 spades	5.50
1 tamping iron	.50
1 water pail	.30
1 12-inch Y	1.00
14 feet 6-inch sewer pipe	1.00
16 feet 8-inch sewer pipe	2.50
2 whiffletrees	2.00
1 neck yoke	1.50
2 paint brushes	1.00
3 square-point shovels	1.50
1 striking hammer	1.50
4 plugs, drills and wedges	2.50
1 6-inch Y	.40
1 10-inch bend	.36
1 8-inch bend	.30
2 stone forks	1.00
3 dung forks	1.00
2 whetstones	.40
1 50-foot tape	2.00
1 can black varnish	.50
1 scythe and snath	1.30
1 drill hammer	.75
Fuse, powder and can	.50
3 oil cans	2.00
Lumber	2.00
1 broom	.10
	$390.66

Supplies at Street Commissioner's Office.

5 steel rakes	$2.00
65 pounds dyamite	10.40
Electric battery and 600 feet wire	30.00
Fuses	2.00
2 street brooms	1.20
10 time books	1.50
	$47.10

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

To the City Council:

Herewith we present to you the third annual report of the city marshal to the board of police commissioners for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1898. There have been no changes in the regular police force during the past year, but the department has taken care of the truant business in the public schools, thus effecting a saving of from $400 to $500 to the city. Attention is respectfully called to the condition of the city lock-up, which is in our opinion totally unfit for use and a disgrace to the city.

FRED C. SANBORN,
Clerk.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Board of Police Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully present herewith the annual report of the police department ending Feb. 15th, 1898.

ARRESTS.

		1896.	1897.
Arrests,	males	227	253
"	females	18	6
	Whole number of arrests	245	259

Causes of Arrest.

	1896.	1877.
Assault	20	18
Assault with intent to commit rape		1
Assault with intent to kill	2	1
Arrested for out of town officers	8	7
Adultery		1
Burglary	8	7
Board beats	2	3
Cruelty to animals	1	1
Common drunkards	2	1
Drunkenness	83	113
Disturbing the peace		2
Escaped convicts	10	2
Idle person	1	1
Keeping malt liquor for sale	11	22
Keeping spiritous liquor for sale	7	13
Keeping cider for sale		1
Keeping open saloon on Sunday		1
Larceny	18	17
Loitering in store doors		1
Malicious mischief		2
Malicious distruction of property		3
Non-support	2	1
Over-driving a horse	1	1
Obtaining money under false pretense		2
Offensive language	1	1
Obstructing an officer		2
Permitting horses to run at large		1
Practicing medicine without a license		1
Riding bicycle on public sidewalk	1	3
Selling goods without license	5	3
Safe keeping	1	3
Suspicion	7	7
Stubborn child	1	2
Selling malt liquor		5
Selling spiritous liquor		3
Selling mortgaged property		1

Surrendered by bondsman	1	1
Truants		1
Vagrants	10	3

How Disposed Of.

Paid fine and costs	54	78
Discharged by the court	6	3
Committed to house of correction for non-payment of fine and costs	4	14
Committed to house of correction upon sentence	20	19
Committed to jail upon sentence	12	5
Committed to jail in default of bonds	13	15
Committed to state industrial school	4	4
Furnished bonds to appear at court	8	9
Complaints placed on file	18	21
Nol-prossed	5	8
Suspended by paying costs	5	18
Cases not settled	5	5
Appealed to supreme court	9	2
Discharged without being brought before the court	63	53
Complaints dismissed	2	4
Discloses and is discharged	1	1

Lodgers.

Number persons furnished lodgings	288	428

Property Stolen and Lost.

Property reported stolen	$663.75	$275.00
Stolen property recovered	325.75	72.00
Property reported lost	371.30	275.06
Lost property recovered	231.00	188.46

Incidental Services.

Accidents reported	10	9
Disturbances quelled without arrests	68	31
Dogs killed	2	4
Dangerous dogs, notice served to owners		3
Dangerous sidewalks reported	2	1
Dangerous streets reported	3	1

Fires extinguished without alarm	3	1
Fires discovered and alarms given	4	4
Lost children restored	8	3
Dead bodies recovered	3	1
Obstructions removed from streets		1
Obstructions removed from sidewalks	2	5
Stores found open and secured	86	51
Stray teams put up	14	12
Complaints investigated	138	144
Merchandise left outside of stores	$370.09	$168.85
Searches made for liquor, none found	10	3
Burglaries reported	16	13
Larcenies reported	52	43
Nuisances reported to board of health	5	1
Assisted out of town officers	9	12
Runaway horses stopped		4

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. W. SCOTT,
City Marshal.

POLICE CLERK'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

In accordance with the law governing this department I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1898. Whole number of criminal cases brought before this court, 206, of which the city marshal gives a detailed statement of their disposal and of the cash receipts. Cash received from civil cases $20, for which I hold the receipt of the city treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN B. PLUMMER,
Clerk of Police Court.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

I have the honor to submit my report as city solicitor of Laconia. I take pleasure in saying that practically all of the litigated cases attending on the docket for Belknap county have been tried. Since my last report a great many matters, in some instances involving litigation, have been disposed of. The case of George H. Everett against the city, which was an action to recover for office rent while the plaintiff held the office of city tax collector, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. Several cases involving damages in the laying out of highways and change of grade have been disposed of.

The lake cases against the city, brought by the Winnipiseogee Lake Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing company for the abatement of taxes have been tried, but the court has not yet returned its verdict. I have strong hopes that the outcome will be favorable to the city, involving as it does the most important question, which to my mind can arise effecting the interest of the city. I refer to the question of equality in taxation. What further steps may be taken after the court has rendered its verdict I do not know, but should the verdict be adverse to the city, I should advise carrying the questions of law to the law court for further consideration and it would not be improbable that if the decision should be adverse to the Lake Company that it would pursue the same course, but I feel that in the end the decision of the court must be favorable, because it seems to me that the position taken by the city relative to these taxes is right.

It has been nearly five years since the incorporation of the city, and during that time numerous ordinances and resolutions have been passed and adopted by the city council for the government of the affairs of the city. In the starting of a

new city it is very difficult indeed to get all of the municipal machinery in proper running order, and it is almost impossible, even while using the utmost care, to avoid some mistakes in getting ordinances, rules and regulations into proper working condition with absolute correctness and freedom from error.

I think it advisable that during the coming year a general revision of all the ordinances of the city should be made and compiled into one volume of handy size for use. The ordinances now existing are contained in the various city reports and it involves an examination of each report to make sure just what ordinances may be in effect. I strongly recommend such a revision and hope it may meet with the approval of the city council that it be so ordered.

With thanks to the members of the council, his honor, the mayor, and to the various officers for their kindness and confidence, the foregoing is very respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN S. JEWETT,

City Solicitor.

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS.

To the City Council:

I have the honor to submit the following as the seventh annual report of the department of sewers for the year ending February 15, 1898.

SEWER MAINTENANCE.

House connections reported to Feb. 15, 1897	554
Additions to Feb. 15, 1898	39
Whole number Feb. 15, 1898	593

Receipts.

Received for 39 sewer permits	$195.00	
" sewer pipe	.80	
" labor	.48	
Paid city treasurer	$196.28	
Appropriations, 1897	1,000.00	
Total receipts		$1,196.28

Expenditures.

Paid for labor	$321.44	
water for flushing and flush tanks .	692.58	
supplies, brick, cement, etc. . . .	19.82	
job team work	4.00	
car fares and expenses	.87	
extra expense for house connections	3.05	
Amount unexpended	154.52	
		$1,196.28

Sewer Construction.

The table of main and lateral sewers, as constructed to date, remaining the same as last year, no additions having been made, you are referred to said table in the report of 1897 for the information therein contained. The total cost of sewers to date is $117,149.72.

Schedule of Property.

Tool box	$3.00
7 lanterns	1.75
Oil can	.40
Watering pot	.40
Jute rope	.75
2 cast iron hammers	1.50
6 brace dogs	1.50
2 trowels	.40
Oil can	.05
4 monkey wrenches	1.60
Pile cap	1.00
Cement brush	.30
2 hoes	.50
2 pails	.30
Auger and handle	.55
3 tampers	2.25
2 axes	1.20
2 iron bars	.60
2 long handle shovels	.80
8 short " "	2.00
8 picks	2.00
Grub hoe	.50
2 single blocks	1.50
Pair double blocks with rope	2.50
150 feet 1-inch rope	2.00
20 feet 3-inch suction hose	20.00
Diaphragm pump	15.00
Handsaw, bit brace and bits	1.50
Sounding pipe and hammer	5.00
Post hole shovel	.75

5 grade rods	$3.05
Carpenter's level	.50
4 sand scoops	2.00
10 feet 6-inch sewer pipe	.60
Pile driving machine	25.00
Lot of sheeting plank and rangers	6.00
Roll top desk	25.00
Desk light	5.00
Desk	5.00
Safe	90.00
6 office chairs	1 40
Desk chair	6.00
Smoke test machine	10.00
Stone hammer	.70
Pig lead	1.20
5 50-feet steel tapes	10.00
1 100-feet steel tape	4.00
Large valve wrench	1.50
Stillson wrench	1.00
	$269.55

Conclusion.

There is at the present time quite a demand for the extension of the present sewerage system through several streets where a number of buildings have lately been erected, for instance, the north end of Pleasant street, Cottage and Baldwin streets, Beaman street, Lyman street, Howard street and Sheridan street. It seems to be the case in a great many instances that where there is a sewer in the street the abutters are in no hurry about connecting, but where there is none all are anxious to have one put in at once. It is hoped that this report another year will be able to record more connections than the few made the past season. All the sewers are giving perfect satisfaction and the regular routine work of this department in preparing them for the winter season has been carefully carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM NELSON,
Superintendent of Sewers.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.

To the City Council:

I herewith submit the fifth annual report of this department for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1897	$200.00	
Received for drawing paper	.87	
Total		$200.87

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for labor	$75.45	
instruments and office furniture .	16.70	
supplies, stationery, etc.	24.56	
express	.25	
copies of Gilford records	2.75	
Amount unexpended	81.16	
		$200.87

PROPERTY.

Drawing table	$30.00	
Card index	25.00	
Engineer's wye level	125.00	
Standard tape and thermometer	20.00	
Drawing paper, rubber type, etc.	9.00	
Ink	1 00	
		$210.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM NELSON,

City Engineer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the City Council:

In accordance with the law governing this department I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year ending February 15, 1898.

There have been thirteen alarms during the year as follows:

April 15. Box 43. Burning chimney; no damage.

May 9. Box 76. Boat house; no damage.

May 21. Box 73. Burning chimney; no damage.

Aug. 26. Box 46. Shed on Middle street; no damage.

Sept. 11. Box 46. Brush fire.

Sept. 14. Box 46. Brush fire.

Oct. 8. Box 82. The Thomas J. Plummer farm buildings, owned by Herbert O. Stevens, Lake street. The department did not respond.

Oct. 21. Box 57. In the mill of the Pitman Manufacturing Co.; no damage.

Oct. 22. Box 27. Brush fire.

Nov. 5. Box 45. Burning chimney; no damage.

Nov. 18. Box 82. Fire in Gilford. Department did not respond.

Nov. 30. Box 82. Building on North street, owned by C. A. Sleeper, and occupied by Joseph Laflamme. Cause, hot ashes carelessly left in contact with the woodwork outside the building. Loss, $25; insurance, $25.

Jan. 15, 1898. Box 25, Building on Noyes' lot, Main street, owned by Dr. R. W. Price, and occupied by Raffælo Scipione and others. Damage to building, $587.50; insurance, $587.50; damage to Scipione's stock, $750; insurance, $750. Building owned and occupied by A. R. Collins; dam-

age to building, $168; insurance, $168; damage to stock, $102; insurance, $102. Building owned and occupied by J. W. Follett; damage to building, $280; insurance, $280; damage to stock, $1,350; insurance, $1,350.

Steamer Company No. 1.

J. Henry Glover, Foreman.
Frank E. Dixon.
Wm. W. Saunders.
John T. Martin.
Charles M. Hadley.
Curtis T. Weeks.
Theodore A. Sanborn.
Joseph R. Chase.
Amos G. Wheeler.
Reuben W. Durham.
Albert J. Cowan.
Leon W. Smith.

Laconia Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

George H. Piper, Foreman.
R. S. Foss.
F. W. Wilcox.
G. H. Edwards.
Nelson Wheeler.
A. B. Cunningham.
N. E. Dionne.
Geo. M. Riley.
W. A. Sanborn.
C. H. Reaney.
A. M. Farrar.
J. L. Foster.
Wm. Jackson.
J. S. Morrill.
R. L. Piper.

Eureka Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

George H. Millette, Foreman.
L. E. Pickering.
H. H. Winchester.
A. A. Hobbs.
E. J. Whitcher.
H. A. Perkins.
A. E. Dodge.
Richard Burchill.
W. E. Hollahan.
W. H. Brawn.
F. T. Smith.
W. R. Harris.
G. O. Clark.
C. E. Piper.
T. H. Lachance.

Weirs Hose Company No. 1.

Ernest D. Floyd, Foreman.
T. H. Avery.
W. Easter.
H. Butler.
C. J. Avery.
W. A. Smith.
F. A. Floyd.
C. H. Corliss.
Wm. Woodman.
J. H. Yeaton.
F. E. Moore.
G. W. Braley.

G. A. Sanders Hose Company No. 2.

William W. Chase, Foreman.
E. W. Bean.
J. W. Downs.
C. E. Frawley.
B. G. Herbert.
A. Wiggin.
O. R. Flack.
J. E. Webster.
W. P. Ham.
W. W. Wakefield.
Antonio Amabile.

Reliance Hose Company No. 3.

Arthur L. Simons, Foreman.
N. S. Manson.
Jos. Prescott.
H. Guay.
Wm. Landry.
Wm. Mongeon.
Geo. Nadeau.
Chas. Deblois.
A. Fournier.
J. N. Gingras.

J. S. Crane Hose Company No. 4.

E. C. Sargent, Foreman.
E. H. Kennedy.
J. H. White.
T. H. Keay.
E. E. Arnold.
Elmer Piper.
F. E. Sanborn.
A. E. Bagley.
F. E. Brown.
W. J. Burnham.
F. E. Hall.
W. G. Knowles.

Niagara Hose Company No. 5.

J. E. Bean, Foreman.
J. D. Webster.
E. D. Bagley.
Wm. McGovern.
Philip Durrell.
J. B. Jewett.
Wm. Plant.
Ivan Campbell.
Geo. Rollins.
Julius Sanborn.

Highland Hose Company No. 6.

Charles W. Bailey, Foreman.
J. B. Sanborn.
M. L. Currier.
O. F. Stevens.
Archie Wadley.
Nelson Judino.
Bert Gleason.
C. H. Nutter.
W. H. Shean.
M. H. Tatham.

Manual Force.

The total manual force is as follows:

Chief engineer	1
Assistant engineers	3
Steamer Co., No. 1	12
Laconia Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1	15
Eureka Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2	15
Weirs Hose Co., No. 1	12
G. A. Sanders Hose Co., No. 2	11
Reliance Hose Co., No. 3	10
J. S. Crane Hose Co., No. 4	12
Niagara Hose Co., No. 5	10
Highland Hose Co., No. 6	10
Total number of men	111

Hydrants.

The city has 103 hydrants in use, including 17 private ones.

Public Reservoirs and Cost of Construction.

1.	Pleasant street, near Harvard	$150.00
2.	Depot square	300.00
3.	Main street, opposite Oliver Sanborn's	221.25
4.	Academy street, corner Bowman	176.00
5.	Court street, corner Fair	221.25
6.	Main street, corner Pine	200.00
7.	Lyford street	200.00
8.	Main street, opp. G. A. Sanders' residence	150.00
9.	Mechanic street, near Rublee's shop	160.00
10.	Belvidere, near School	125.00
11.	School street, near Elm	300.00
12.	Elm street, (north end)	160.00
13.	Near Lakeport passenger station	1,202.53
		$3,566.03

Inventory of Property.

Steamer house, Water street	400.00
Engine house and furniture, Water street	300.00
Land, Water street	800.00
Hose house, Ward 1	400.00
" " 2	1,000.00
Eureka hook and ladder house, Ward 6	800.00
J. S. Crane hose house, Ward 6	600.00
Niagara hose house, Ward 6	50.00
Highland hose room, Ward 6	25.00
Laconia steam fire engine	3,000.00
Hose wagon	375.00
Reliance hose carriage	170.00
G. A. Sander hose carriage	450.00
Weirs hose carriage	170.00
Highland hose carriage	150
J. S. Crane hose carriage	500.00
Niagara hose carriage	150.00
Laconia hook and ladder truck	200.00
Eureka hook and ladder truck	200.00
Supply wagon	150.00
Hose sleigh	60.00
1 pair of horses	250.00
Torrent engine, No. 2	50.00
1 steam heater	150.00
50 feet 3-inch hose and hose pipe	100.00
Fire alarm telegraph and supplies for same	4,000.00
9500-feet Red Cross hose	6,000.00
	$20,400.00

Miscellaneous.

Coal for steamer	$8.00
" heater	5.00
2 flue brushes	3.00
Pole for Laconia hook and ladder truck	10.00
" Eureka " "	10.00
" Reliance hose carriage	10.00

Pole for J. S. Crane hose carriage	$10.00
" Highland "	10.00
" Niagara "	10.00
6 badges for engineers	15.00
14 hose pipes for hose carriage	210 00
3 " steamer	60.00
2 L. " deluge set	60.00
17 reducers	25.50
8 increasers	12.00
2 copper branches	8.00
65 rubber coats	150.00
16 hose straps	16.00
4 hose clamps	12.00
2 jack screws	6.00
1 copper hose pipe	2.00
1 brass hose pipe	2.00
11 hose pipes	110.00
10 hose straps	5.00
12 hydrant wrenches	12 00
56 spanners	33.60
19 spanner belts	9.50
6 hose patches, (patent)	18.00
1 patent discharge pipe, Eastman	28.00
4 perfection nozzle-holders and nozzles	140.00
2 desks	15.00
1 saddle	.50
1 spanner belt	.50
1 strainer, copper	5.00
2 extra couplings	5.00
6 2-inch spanners	3.00
2 dust brushes	2.00
10 shut-off nozzles	150.00
1 deluge set	120.00
1 set steps	1.00
1 scraper	.75
2 engineer's lanterns	10.00
2 assistant engineer's lanterns	10.00
2 coal hods	.80

2 harnesses	100.00
5 snow shovels	2.00
55 coat straps	11.00
18 fire lanterns	36.00
2 lamps for steamer	10.00
1 stove for hose tower	10.00
1 box stove	5.00
2 wood stoves for hose house	15.00
2 wood stoves for hook and ladder house	15.00
1 basket and 2 pails	1.50
1 crow-bar	1.00
7 oil cans	3.50
Oil on hand	1.00
1 Bangor extension ladder	125.00
2 hammers and screwdriver	1.50
1 lamp	.75
	$1,672.40

Fire Alarm Telegraph.—Location of Boxes.

No. 25, Main street, corner California court.
26, Laconia Car Co.
27, Mill street, near Sam Hodgson's machine shop.
28, Water street, near the railroad crossing.
43, Depot square.
45, Main street, corner of Harvard.
46, Pleasant street, corner of Harvard.
47, Main street, corner of Oak.
48, Messer street, corner of Oak.
53, Church street, corner of Messer.
54, Union avenue, corner Gilford.
56, Union avenue, corner of Spring street.
57, Union avenue, opposite Grist mill.
58, Batchelder street, corner of Avery.
63, Academy street, corner of Fair.
65, Main street, junction of Province street.
67, Court street, corner of Academy.
68, Fair street, near G. Cook & Son's mill.

No. 71, Union avenue, corner of Messer street.
73, Union avenue, corner of Bridge street.
74, Union avenue, corner of Clinton street.
75, Valley street, corner of Manchester.
76, Union avenue, near pumping station.
78, Elm street, near Cole Manufacturing office.
82, Gold street, corner of Fore.
84, Franklin street, near Wood's mill.
85, Corner Elm and Jefferson streets.
86, North street, corner of School.
87, Elm street, corner of School.
89, Fairmont street, corner of Washington.

Directions.—To give an alarm, pull down the handle once and let go.

SIGNALS.

I—Test signal, which is struck every day at 12.30.
I I—Given after an alarm denotes "fire out."
I I I—School signal. Srtuck on stormy days at 8 a. m., and 1 p. m., denotes "no school."
I I I I—Companies not answering first alarm dismissed.
I I I I I—Second alarm.
I I I I I I I—Third alarm.
I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I— Militia call to armory.

The business depression common to the whole country and felt with special force in this city the past year has made it necessary for me to seek employment elsewhere a portion of the time. But during my absence the assistant engineers and the firemen have faithfully attended to their duties. To them and to the city marshal and police force I tender my thanks for the assistance rendered as occasion has required.

MOSES T. WHITTIER,
Chief Engineer.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the City Council:

The board of health herewith respectfully submit a report of its department for the year 1897 :

Contageous Diseases.

Scarlet fever cases (none fatal)	4
Typhoid fever cases (3 fatal)	12
Membraneous croup case (not fatal)	1
Diphtheria cases (1 fatal)	5
Measles cases (none fatal)	9
Houses placarded and closed	21
Nuisances abated	7
Vaults ordered cleaned	9
Foul sink drains	7
Filthy alley ways	2
Sinks without traps	7
Cattle tuberculosis	2
Animals buried	3
Offensive pig-pens	4
Complaints made	47
Visits made	79
Rooms fumigated	26
Carriages fumigated	2
Permits given for cleaning vaults	7
Number of connections with city sewer	39

The board respectfully recommend the extension of the city sewer on road terminals in the city limits. It is here that new dwellings are most numerous, and it is much more conven-

ient and less expensive to connect when building than later. People seem willing to drain into the sewer when the opportunity is afforded them.

Dumpage.

The city dumpage has been more satisfactorilly managed than formerly. City Superintendent Nelson and the board of health have co-operated, fewer places have been used for dumpage, the refuse has been carefully covered, and only one complaint has been made.

Fumigation.

Sulphur fumigation is effectual for disinfection when used in sufficient quantities, but it has many dangerous, disagreeable and expensive features. A lamp for generating a formic aldehyde gas has been devised and substituted in nearly all the large cities and is recommended by our state board of health. It is as effectual as sulphur fumigation and has none of its objectionable qualities. The board of health asks permission to purchase a lamp, the expense not to exceed fifty dollars.

The president and secretary of your board of health were qualified and became members of the New Hampshire board of health and attended two meetings at Concord this year, obtaining valuable advice and much practical knowledge in listening to papers and discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Davis,
F. E. Elkins,
W. H. True,
Board of Health.

D. L. Davis, *President.*
W. H. True, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the City Council:

For the past year there has been an unusual amount of sickness among the city charges. I have made one hundred and nine (109) visits, given sixty-four (64) office consultations and vaccinated one hundred and twelve (112) children. At the present time there are five (5) persons whom the city is caring for under treatment.

J. G. Quimby, M. D.,
City Physician.

CITY LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

I herewith transmit my report of this office from Feb. 15, 1897, to Feb. 10, 1898, inclusive.

On hand Feb. 15, 1897:

Liquors	$217.14	
Old casks	5.75	
Fixtures	4.72	
Revenue stamp	9.36	
Cash	124.38	
Total		$361.35
Liquors purchased	354.84	
Expenses on same	2.47	
		$357.31
Total		$718.66

Cash account:

Cash Feb. 15	$124.38	
1165 sales of liquor	366.65	
Sales of old casks	2.25	
		$493.28
Paid for liquors	$354.84	
expense on liquors	2.47	
revenue stamp	25.00	
agents salary, one year, to Feb.16, '98	60.00	
Cash on hand	50.97	
		$493.28

On hand Feb. 10, 1898:

Liquors	$283.12
Old casks	8.50
Fixtures	4.72
Unexpired revenue stamp	9.36
	305.70
Cash	50.97
	$356.67

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. JONES, *Agent.*

S. R. Jones personally appeared and made oath that the report submitted by him is true.

G. H. SMITH,
Justice of the Peace.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 14, 1898.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR, WARDS 1 AND 6.

To the City Council:

As overseer of the poor for Wards 1 and 6 I would respectfully report that the calls for city aid since last year have very perceptibly decreased, so much so that for the last five months we have not been under the necessity of calling on the city for aid to any one. This is accounted for by the change in the laws of settlement, and the improvement in general business of the city. We are of the impression that it would be for the best interest of the cities and towns of the state as well as the worthy poor, if the statutes were so changed as to make all county charges. The county is better situated to look after the poor than the several towns, and the expense would be about the same as at present.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR TUCKER,
Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR, WARDS 2, 3, 4, 5.

To the City Council:

The number of calls for aid have not been so numerous as during the preceding year. Most of the assistance rendered has been to persons who, having suffered from long continued sickness, have exhausted their means of support and have

thus become entirely dependent. I believe that two, at least, of the most expensive cases will soon be disposed of, as the parties are rapidly regaining health. By an act of the last legislature the larger portion of the poor which before has been aided by the city has been thrown upon the county. I wish to say that the separating of city and county poor has been a source of much strife between city and county officials, as well as creating an untold amount of tedious work for the city clerk, and I believe that the support of all poor should fall upon the county, the taxes being assessed accordingly.

With the starting up of the car shops, and the renewed prosperity of our hosiery mills, I believe the expenses of this department will be reduced to a minimum, except in cases of sickness and commitments to State Industrial school. Every case has been properly investigated and expenses made as light as conditions would warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. S. Randlett,

Overseer of the Poor, Wards 2, 3, 4, 5.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the City Council:

In submitting the reports of the librarians for the past year, and the report of the treasurer covering a portion of the expenditures for this period, the trustees again call attention to the large and constantly increasing use of the libraries by its patrons, and to the fact that with the small amount appropriated it is not possible to pay the expense of their maintenance, and keep good the wear of the books that are constantly becoming unfit for use and need replacing or rebinding.

F. W Story,	Ward 1,
Charles C. Davis,	" 2,
John T. Busiel,	" 3,
W. F. Knight,	" 4,
C. K. Sanborn,	" 5,
C. F. Locke,	" 6,
A. S. Owen,	" 6,

Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS.

1897.

Feb. 22, cash on hand $483.26

April 5, cash from estate N. B. Gale one-half bequest 500.00

May 5, cash from Olin S. Davis, fines 3 mos. . 5.00

" " " catalogues and cards 26

May	8, cash from Julia S. Busiel fines 3 mos.	$11.13	
	" " " " catalogues and supplies	7.76	
	cash from Julia S. Busiel from rebinding	6.09	
1898.			
Feb.	18, cash from city of Laconia for balance of $1,012.22 appropriation 1897 .	100.47	
			$1,114.03

EXPENDITURES.

Mch.	4, B. & M. R. R. for freight bills . .	$1.10	
	Geo. H. Everett for insurance . . .	16.88	
	Jordan, Marsh & Co., for books . .	25.51	
	23, gas bills for Feb., Mch. and Apr. ·	3.80	
Apr.	5, E. P. Jewell for 41 volumes Massachusetts Historical collection . .	250.00	
	Olin S. Davis for books	175.18	
	Estes & Lauriat for books	290.62	
	Weeks Bros. for cards	3.50	
	Olin S. Davis for services and expenses	54.40	
	Julia S. Busiel for services and expenses	69.89	
	Laconia National bank for rent to April 1st	100.00	
Feb.	15, Estates & Lauriat books	123.07	
			$1,114.03

HELEN A. AVERY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1897.			
Feb.	22, cash on hand as last report . . .	$38.91	
	Cash from interest on loans . . .	60.00	
	Cash in part on loan	100 00	
			$198.91

EXPENDITURES.

Mch. 29, Henry P. Rolfe for History Salisbury	$4.00	
Sept. 30, Jordan, Marsh & Co., for books .	33.26	
Dec. 10, R. L. Day & Co. for 1 share Ill. Central R. R. stock	104.13	
Feb. 18, Estes and Lauriat, for books . .	57.52	
		$198.91

WILLIAM F. KNIGHT,
Treasurer.

LIBRARIANS' REPORTS.

To the Board of Trustees of the Public Libraries of Laconia.—Gentlemen:

As will be seen by referring to the statistical table given below, the entire circulation of books for the year just closed has increased about five thousand volumes, giving us the largest total circulation of any year since the institution of the library. In making up this table especial attention was directed to the great increase in the circulation of juvenile books, the average for each day being greater by forty-three volumes, than in the preceding year, while in the department of fiction the increase for each day was only ten volumes. Since the library is being used so extensively by our young people it certainly behooves us to provide such books for their perusal as shall not only amuse and entertain, but also benefit and educate their minds. With the increase of circulation there comes a corresponding increase in the size of the bill for rebinding books, and though to a degree this is inevitable, yet if the borrowers would regard the books as their own while holding them in their possession, and carefully handle and use them, the bindery bill would be decreased, and the amount thus gained would be added to the fund for the purchase of new books. An addition of four hundred and twenty-nine volumes was made in March of 1897, quite a large number of

these being works of reference, and a small addition will be made in March of the present year. One little fellow inquired very anxiously a few days since, if the library was to be open every day. He had heard that it was and he hoped the report was true. While a daily opening of the library may not be practicable with our present limited means, it certainly is a fact to be earnestly desired, not only that the small boy may exchange his book every day in the week, but that older patrons may more conveniently avail themselves of our valuable reference library which now seems to be almost useless except to gather an accumulation of dust. While we realize that the rate of taxation and appropriation must be somewhat lower than in a more prosperous period, yet the library can be made much more valuable to the public when more money can be allowed, and the librarian can have more time to extend courtesy and assistance to those who may desire help,

A catalogue of the state library has recently been received, and blanks furnished which may be filled out by any person desiring to draw books from that library, payment of express to and from Concord to be paid by the applicant. Further information in regard to this privilege will be given at any time by the librarian. Thanks are due the donors for the following list of books received during the year :

Government Publications, 32 books and numerous pamphlets.

State Publications, 6 books.

Report of Society of Colonial Wars.

Mayor of Manchester, 1 book.

Augusta Larned, 1 book.

The annual city report from the city clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Whole number of names registered	2,337
Number registered during the year	317
Number of books added during the year	429
Whole number of books	7,032
Juvenile	1,043
Fiction	2,174

History, travels, biography, etc.	3,815
Greatest number taken out in one day	502
Average number out	349
Greatest number out at one time	889
Average number out at one time	739
Total circulation during the year	36,325
Average of juvenile each day	111
Average of fiction each day	197
Average of all others each day	41

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA S. BUSIEL,
Librarian.

To the Board of Trustees of the Public Libraries of Laconia.—Gentlemen :

I have the honor to submit to you my sixth annual report as librarian of the Lakeport public library, for the year ending January 31, 1898 One hundred and ninety-three books were purchased and seventeen books were donated to the library during the year. Every book was found or accounted for at the annual inventory. No books were lost by borrowers and no books were discarded. As was stated in my last report, there are many books in the library so badly worn that they are not in proper condition to be loaned, and they are not worth rebinding. They are still kept on the shelves because there is such a demand for books that some of our patrons will take them in their present condition, because they prefer them to any other books in the library that they have not read. The total number of books, including these worn-out books, is now 2,083. The books have been returned more promptly, and the fines collected have been less, than during any previous year since the rate of fines was raised to two cents a day.

The gain of 304 volumes in circulation is due to the addition of the new books in March, but this gain would have been much greater if twice as many books could have been added.

It is difficult to select 200 books so as to provide even a few books suited to the taste of each borrower, and have as many as twenty-five that any one person will care to read. Many of our patrons soon read all of the new books that interested them, and then discontinued using the library. At least 200 new books should be purchased for this library each year, if its past usefulness if to be maintained.

We believe that the use of the library can, and should, be increased. If the librarian could know, approximately, at the beginning of the year, how much money would be available for books within the year, and was authorized to spend the amount in small sums at short intervals, the most desirable books could be purchased as soon as published. The local papers would doubtless mention these additions, and our patrons could read the books while they were being discussed by the press and talked about in society. Patrons would call for one of these new books and, finding that out, would take some other book; and thus their interest in the library would be constantly maintained. In the past history of the library, many books could not be purchased until the public discussion of them had died out and their value to the library largely decreased.

A complete printed catalogue of the whole library, omitting the titles of lost or worn-out books, in one alphabet, arranged by names of authors, titles, and subjects, would greatly facilitate the use of the books. A card catalogue, based on a new classification, on the above plan, is well started and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as good work will allow. As soon as this is completed, a printed catalogue should be issued.

The increase in the use of the library by the pupils and teachers in the public schools is very gratifying. Seventy-six books have been loaned to teachers for school use. The works of the more prominent American poets are in almost constant use by pupils. We could use ten times as many books on botany and popular science for the young if we had them. Every school room should have at least a small collection of books for the use of the scholars. Until the schools of

the city can be thus supplied, there will be very urgent need for more books in the public libraries for school use.

In my last report, it was stated that arrangements had been made by which the patrons of this library could obtain books from the state library at Concord by paying the cost of transportation both ways. This expense would seldom exceed thirty cents. There have been very few calls for books under this arrangement during the past year. We now have "a subject-author catalogue of history, biography, genealogy, geography and travels in the New Hampshire state library." It is hoped that this will increase the use of the state library by showing just what may be obtained in these classes of books.

We are pleased to acknowledge, with thanks, donations of books and pamphlets from the kind friends mentioned below:

Dover (N. H.) public library, 2 pamphlets.

S. C. Frye, city report, bound.

Hon. M. A. Haynes, 1 book.

Indian Rights association, 8 pamphlets.

New Hampshire Board of Library commissioners, 1 book, 1 pamphlets.

New Hampshire secretary of state, 9 books, 2 pamphlets.

Hon. Lorrin A. Thurston, 1 pamphlet.

Wisconsin Free Library commission, 1 pamphlet.

United States Education bureau, 2 books.

United States Interstate Commerce commission, 1 book.

United States Smithsonian institution, 1 book.

Statistical Table.

The statistics of the increase and use of the library during the year, and its present condition are as follows:

Books on hand February 1, 1897	1,873
" purchased	193
" donated	17
" on hand February 1, 1898	2,083
" rebound	83
Pamphlets donated	15
Number of new registered borrowers	91

Number of registered borrowers Feb. 1, 1898	822
Books loaned during the year	9,109
Largest number in one day, April 10	150
Smallest number in one day, Sept. 1	40
Average daily circulation, 104 days	87.58
" " " of fiction	72.91
Percentage of fiction circulation	83.24
" " travel "	6.82
" " biography "	1.99
" " history "	3.69
" " all other classes	4.22
Largest number of books out on the first day of any month, March	252
Smallest number, September	164
Average number	204

OLIN S. DAVIS,

Librarian.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Citizens of the City of Laconia :

The past year in our schools has been as successful and satisfactory as we could expect under the existing circumstances. No contagious diseases have interrupted the schools, the attendance has been good, and good progress has been made. Any city might be proud of the teachers in our schools, and they are recognized as among the best teachers in the state. They are all either normal school graduates or teachers of long experience and are laboring faithfully and conscientiously to instruct the youth of our city.

During this year the schools have been run on a plan of the most rigid economy. The appropriation for this year was $22,000, and there was a deficit coming from the preceding year of $1,700 ; this left only $20,300 to run the schools for one year.

At the beginning of the financial year the school board determined not to exceed the appropriation, and on looking over the ground to see what could be done to keep within it, it was decided to shorten the schools below the high school three weeks, dispense with a music teacher, cut the pay of the grammar school teachers, and discontinue the transportation of high school scholars from Lakeport and Weirs. None of these things were advisable, but to keep within the appropriation something had to be done, and it was the opinion of the board that less evil would result to our school from this plan than from any other that occurred to them.

We have now reached the end of the financial year, and

your board is able to report that it has not exceeded the appropriation, the deficit of $1,700 has been paid, and the board will be able to start out on the coming financial year with a clean slate. But we do not undertake to say that this has been done without injury to our schools. We deem the teaching of music an important part of our school course; it is not only healthful and cultivating, but it helps to render school life more enjoyable and often relieves the tedium of the school room, and opens up a field of elevating and refined enjoyment for scholars in after life. It is the earnest hope of the board that it may be possible to employ a teacher of music for the coming year.

The school year should be restored to its original length. Our course of study is so arranged that the entire time is required to produce satisfactory results, and the loss of the three weeks is sadly felt by the teachers in accomplishing the work of the year.

As one of the results of reducing the compensation of the grammar school teachers, we have lost one of the best teachers we had in the city and undoubtedly other losses of the same kind will occur unless they are paid the usual price.

A question that our city must meet squarely, sooner or later, is that of new school buildings. We are now hiring three school rooms, paying for them annually $450, or the interest on $15,000 at 3 per cent, at which rate the city can undoubtedly borrow money, and even at that expenditure the rooms are not satisfactory as school rooms; they are unpleasant, unattractive and unsuitable for school purposes. Then, at Lakeport, there are two buildings now used for school houses that it is conceded should be abandoned,and that, too, without delay.

The city cannot afford to educate its children in buildings in such condition, and should injury to the health of any of our children result from the occupancy of these buildings as school houses, the responsibility would fall heavily upon those whose duty it is to furnish suitable and sanitary school rooms.

What is needed is a new school building in Lakeport and another in the lower part of the city and the sooner some

plans are formed by the city looking to the accomplishment of this result the better.

During the past year, owing to the lack of funds, there were no repairs made upon school buildings. There should be some needed repairs made every year, and in that way the buildings would be kept in good condition all the time at less expense than to wait until they are nearly ruined and require large expenditures to put them in proper condition; in short, they should be kept in repair just as a good business man keeps his own buildings.

No new school furniture has been bought this year. We have considerable worn-out, unsuitable furniture in our school rooms. Every year some new furniture should be bought to replace this.

In order to keep within the appropriation, we have had to economize in the purchase of text books and have bought very sparingly, and the coming year quite a good many text books will have to be bought. So that all things considered it will be readily seen that the board the coming year will not be able to maintain the schools in a *satisfactory* manner for the same amount that has been expended in maintaining the schools the past year, namely $20,300.

Some of our citizens claim that too much money is being expended on our schools, and that we are not educating our children as economically as other cities in this state. We have made a careful investigation of this matter and we find, taking the report of the superintendent of public instruction for 1896, which is the last we have, that the cost of educating children in Laconia was *less* per capita than in any other city in this state excepting one, and, if this was the condition in 1896, it is fair to presume that the past year Laconia has spent considerable less per capita for the education of her children than any other city in this state. We do not regard this as a credit or honor to our city, but mention it simply to refute the statement that we are spending more money than our sister cities on education.

There is one matter in reference to which your school board feels that it is its duty to call your attention, and that is the

commercial department in our high school. It is the opinion of your board, after the most careful consideration, that this department should not be continued.

Undoubtedly some of our citizens may differ with us, but before you condemn our judgment, we would respectfully ask you to give the matter the same thorough study and investigation that we have.

The purpose of a high school, as we understand it, is to give a general education. A scholar enters the high school at 14 or 15 years of age, and what he needs at that time is a general education; the mind should be developed by general study. When he enters the high school he is not old enough and is not prepared to enter upon a technical course of study, such as is laid down in a commercial course. To our minds it would be just as proper to have our children enter upon the study of medicine or law at 14 or 15 years of age as upon a commercial course. They are all technical and professional studies and should only be taken up after the student has acquired a good general education.

The special mischief that the commercial department works, is that our scholars, when they reach the high schools, enter the commercial department in large numbers, in preference to taking the regular high school course, under the mistaken impression, undoubtedly, that it is a short and easy road to business, thereby losing forever the opportunity of acquiring a good, well rounded education, such as they might have acquired by following diligently and faithfully the regular high school course.

And many of the scholars after attending the commercial department for a year or two see their mistake, and deeply deplore it. Instances like this have come to the knowledge of your board. On the other hand a case has never been known where students were sorry that they had taken the regular work in the high school.

We believe that this department should be abolished and the money spent upon it should be used in promoting the regular work in the high school.

We are confident that this change would raise the standard of the school and improve upon it greatly.

In closing this report we earnestly ask our citizens to take a deeper personal interest in our schools. The parents of children in school especially should visit the schools, become well acquainted with the teachers, *invite* them into their homes, go over with them the work being done by their children in school, in short exhibit the same interest and care in this matter that you do in your own business, for have you any more important business in hand than that of the proper education of your children? Such conduct on your part towards the schools would stimulate both teachers and scholars and would bring parents, teachers and scholars into a closer relation to each other.

Then, if after careful investigation, and not till then, you find that our schools are not being properly taught or managed, criticise the board and teachers.

As we begin the financial year let us all resolve to take a personal interest in our schools. Let us not be satisfied with schools as good as those of our sister cities, but let us desire and seek to have the very best schools in the county. Let us remember that education and cultivation marks the difference between civilized and uncivilized countries, and, if we would lay deeply and firmly the foundation for a large, prosperous and cultured city in the future, we cannot do so in any way so effectually as to thoroughly and liberally educate the youth of our city.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Plummer.
C. L. Pulsifer.
A. H. Harriman.
A. C. Moore.
J. G. Quimby.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Board of Education:

The report presented by your superintendent covers only about one-half the school year, as my term of service commenced at the resignation of Mr. Cragin during the summer vacation.

The statistical tables are for a full year and contain the usual facts in a condensed form.

Few changes, apart from several transfers, were made in the teaching force during the summer, and so no very radical difference or change from former years can have been apparent. The work has been continued along the same lines as heretofore, and many of the same conditions have been met as have arisen in the past.

The primary grades were full to overflowing at the beginning of the school year in September in all parts of the city, and to relieve the overcrowded condition a new school was immediately opened in the Chase block, to which pupils both from Harvard and Bowman street schools could conveniently be sent.

At Lakeport, instead of continuing two sixth grades as formerly, all the pupils in those grades were put into one sixth, nor yet causing it to be overcrowded, and thus enabling each teacher at the Washington street schools to take one lower grade, making room for a second grade from the School street school, and leaving the latter for the accommodation of first grade pupils only. This produced a marked change for the better, although the Pear street first primary was still rather crowded, notwithstanding a few transfers had been made from it to the School street primary where possible.

We have experienced some little difficulty in placing properly the pupils from the French school, which closed early in the summer. Their work did not seem to be such as that done in the public schools. Their language and reading were not so advanced as their number work. Without ability to read a pupil must needs attend to that before he can make satisfac-

tory progress in the other branches. Sincere attempts have been made in every case to place such pupils where they can secure the greatest good.

Music has not been dropped in the grades below the high school. The teachers have been required to carry it along, as best they could, on the same general lines as it has so acceptably been done in the past under a regular director of music.

While the inspiration, which the frequent visits of a music teacher may give to both teachers and pupils may have been lacking, still I do not believe that the conscientious, daily drill given a class will fail to bring good results. The routine work must always fall upon the regular teacher, and it is the director's province, more particularly, to so adjust the work done in the several grades that it may present a perfect continuity from beginning to end, that certain phases of the subject may not be emphasized at the expense of others, that it may not suffer neglect through the dislike of the teacher to the subject or pressure of other work. No one can question the value of a director's services; still it would be unjust to our teachers to claim that nothing is being done in music, because for one year means have not been found to secure the services of a special instructor in that subject.

Attention is called to the report of the special teacher in drawing. In this connection it might be said that we believe that drawing as now taught is of great value, nor yet could we expect much less when the amount of time expended by the pupils and teachers and the expense incurred to the city is taken into account. In all lines of work the pupil must be taught to think, but to draw without thinking is scribbling, and the work is worthless. The teachers should see to it that the pupil knows all the reasons for his work and understands it thoroughly, that the exercise may not become burdensome, nor the pupil listless. An ability to draw in these days of modern school advancement is almost as much a necessity as to know how to write, and for that reason it must not be neglected.

The work usually done by a regular truant officer was taken in charge by the police department at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Scott immediately put the matter into a regular systematized condition, which he explains in his appended report, in which he gives figures showing the amount of work done in carrying it on. I have been pleased with the results of his work and that of his department, and must say that it has gone along very smoothly and satisfactorily.

Only a few changes in text books have been made, and those for the most part confined to the high school. The limited condition of the public funds has necessitated the utmost economy in the purchase of supplies and nothing has been bought except for immediate and pressing need. On the other hand, great care has been taken that no especially urgent want be neglected. Under such restricted conditions a vigorous and healthy growth of a school system may become impaired and the best results fail to accrue.

New books in the line of readers for supplementary reading should be purchased, as there is quite a pressing need. Geographies should be renewed or changed, as many of the books now in use are worn out and cannot last much longer. In fact, quite an outlay for new books must soon come.

From a study of the reports of my predecessor, and previous recommendations of the school board, together with a knowledge of how such advice has failed to produce the desired results, it would seem idle for me to make any suggestions as to the need of larger school accommodations. The city is at present renting three rooms for school purposes, and as a matter of business it is poor economy, it seems to me, to hire indifferent school rooms while the rent would pay a large per cent on the cost of new buildings. There is also the care of the wretched buildings at Lakeport, perhaps better than none, but too poor to repair. Some movement toward setting these matters right ought to be taken each year, however slight.

Some plan involving several years for its execution might be effected whereby a continuous system of improvement in these respects might be made and which would not be burdensome to the taxpayer.

As to the schools themselves, very good results are being attained. Better results could be obtained under better conditions, some of which I have already hinted at. We sincerely hope that we may never reach the condition of perfect satisfaction with what is being done, but may strive for still better ideals. The teacher who thinks that nothing better is to be desired than the results now being gained is in a most deplorable condition, and it is only a question of a little time when her work will fall into a purely mechanical occupation, without vitality, uninteresting and burdensome to her pupils.

Very different is the work of the teacher who keeps informed of all that is being done in her own grade, or in fact, in other grades, by the best teachers everywhere, and who keeps well read in the literature of her profession. To such a teacher her main object is not to draw her salary, but to instruct her pupils. She studies carefully each individual, finds out his needs, adapts her methods to his peculiar wants, and, in fact, humanizes her teaching to such a degree that her school room becomes a little world, so pleasant and agreeable that school life is an enjoyment to even the most wayward boy.

The system of vertical writing, which was introduced last year into some of the grades below the high school, has been quite fully adopted and is giving general satisfaction. The ease with which the children in the first grade acquire a facility to write, and the legibility attained, is a surprise to those who have been accustomed to see such a condition only after the lapse of several years in the school. This movement for vertical penmanship is not a new invention ; it is a revival of the style of penmanship practiced by our forefathers, and many of the early documents of this country were written in this style, and are remarkable for their clearness and legibility after the lapse of many years.

The school attendance during the year has been good with the exception of the country districts, where the poorest record is made. There may be some good reasons why a few more instances of tardiness or absence may occur there, but I

fear that much of it is due to avoidable causes and lack of a full appreciation of the benefit to be derived from constant attendance. Throughout the graded schools punctual attendance is absolutely necessary in order for a pupil to keep up with his class, while in the ungraded schools one's absence may mean the absence of one's class as well. I think the instances of tardiness are no greater than usual, a fact which to a great degree is due to the unremitting zeal of the teachers to bring them to the lowest possible figure. A little carelessness on the part of the teacher along this line leads to a chronic condition of tardiness, which in a short time brings on habits of heedlessness hard to counteract.

I am impressed with the fact that the teachers of Laconia are, as a rule, well qualified to fill the positions they occupy. They are progressive and "up to date." They regard their calling as a profession. Each pupil is made an object of study on the part of the teacher. She finds that no two children will admit of exactly the same kind of treatment to bring about the most desirable results in his education.

The teachers' club is giving attention to this line of work this year, and while anything in the nature of a fad is far from its purpose, yet all are careful not to be found ignorant of subjects of foremost interest in the educational world.

The teachers have been encouraged to visit only the best schools, which have included not only those found in the principal cities of our own state, but a few in Massachusetts as well. We believe a teacher can gain much by seeing what the more competent teachers of her own grade are doing, and with good judgment adopt what seems likely to be of benefit to her own school. Care should be taken by our younger teachers in the choice of the methods they see in use, otherwise they may discard what is more serviceable to themselves for the new and less useful.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers for their co-operation and ready adoption of such suggestions as I have seen fit to make. To the school board I must acknowledge my thanks for the many ways in which they have helped

me in becoming acquainted with the routine duties of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BLAISDELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1897.

Length of school in weeks	33
Whole number of different pupils registered	1562
Average number belonging	1140
" daily attendance	1076
Percentage of daily attendance	.9438
No. of different pupils registered in high school	152
" " " grammar schools	692
" " " primary "	870
" " " ungraded "	62
pupils under six years of age	101
" over sixteen years of age	117
" between six and sixteen years of age	1344
school buildings	11
" rooms in school buildings	30
" rooms leased for school purposes	3
sittings	1428
Instances of tardiness	2216

List of Teachers at Present Employed, Together with Their Grades, the Dates When Their Services Began, and Their Salaries.

Name.	Grade.	Date.	Salr'y
Hoyt H. Tucker	High school	September, 1894	$1200.00
Walter Leroy Smith	" "	" 1897	700.00
Alice G. Coombs	" "	January, 1895	600.00
Edith L. Swain	" "	" 1896	500 00
Laura A. Smith	" "	September, 1896	500.00
Gorda N. Bean	IX	" 1894	363.00
Carrie E. Drake	VII and IX	" 1893	363.00
Idella M. Drew	VIII	April, 1889	363.00
Maud A. Powell	VII and VIII	September, 1894	363.00
Florence G. Freese	VII and VIII	" 1889	363.00
Marguerite E. Tucker	VII	" 1896	330.00
Minnie E. Cook	VI	" 1896	330.00
Blanche Weymouth	V and VI	" 1895	330.00
Caroline M. Dalton	V and VI	" 1895	330.00
Mary A. Haynes	V and VI	" 1895	330.00
Emma E. Morse	IV and V	" 1891	330.00
Mary L. Chase	V	" 1892	330.00
Ethel M. Carley	IV	" 1897	330.00
Lillie A. Busiel	III and IV	January, 1894	330.00
Lillias M. Bamford	III and IV	September, 1894	330.00
Mary H. Cook	II and III	" 1892	330.00
Sarah E. Sturtevant	III and IV	April, 1888	330.00
Elizabeth Rooney	III	January 1898	330.00
Nellie F. Moulton	II	September, 1897	330.00
Georgia E. Page	II	March, 1892	330.00
Susie R. Ham	I and II	September, 1895	330.00
J. Annie Robinson	I	" 1897	330.00
Mrs. J. G. Quimby	I and II	January, 1898	330.00
Gertrude E. Smith	I	September, 1895	330.00
Effie D. Kibby	I	" 1895	330.00
Mrs. H. L. Durgin	I and II	" 1897	330.00
Alida Fox	Ungraded	" 1897	247.50
Grace M. Brown	"	" 1897	247.50
Mrs. O. E. C. Swain	"	" 1896	247.50
Lucy N. Nelson	Supervisor of drawing	" 1894	375.00

List of Janitors, with Their Buildings and Salaries.

Name.	Buildings.	Salary.
Morrill Ames	Gilford avenue	$132.00
Hobart J. Brown	Mechanic, Washington and School Sts.	198.00
William T. Davis	Pear street	33.00
Daniel L. Parshley	Harvard street	132.00
Henry Shepard	Bowman street and High school	425.00
Walter E. Chase	Court street	66 00
John H. Swift	Chase block	48.00

Statistical Table.

Names of Teachers.	Number of Pupils, Exclusive of Duplicate Enrollment.		Average Number Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Daily attendance	No. of Visitors.
	Boys.	Girls.				
High School Building.						
H. H. Tucker	64	88	120	114	.9500	.....
Gorda N. Bean	19	21	34	33	.9705	27
Idella M. Drew	20	25	39	37	.9487	39
Marguerite E. Tucker	24	21	40	38	.9414	55
Court Street.						
Minnie E. Cook	21	14	37	34	.9188	25
Mary L. Chase	18	16	29	27	.9310	49
Bowman Street.						
Ethel M. Carley	19	22	34	32	.9411	72
Elizabeth Rooney	30	21	41	37	.9019	88
Nellie F. Moulton	27	30	44	42	.9545	162
Effie D. Kibby	31	29	46	38	.9500	128
Gilford Avenue.						
Caroline M. Dalton	22	23	39	38	9743	142
Lillie Busiel	19	29	41	39	9512	78
Georgia E. Page	21	9	26	25	9615	78
Gertrude E. Smith	27	30	31	30	.9677	57
Harvard Street.						
Florence G. Freese	16	35	41	38	9285	50
Blanche Weymouth	21	30	42	40	.9524	59
Lillias M. Bamford	18	24	37	33	.8918	94
Susie R. Ham	28	21	38	35	.9113	118
Chase Block, R. R. Square.						
Mrs. Durgin	18	24	31	29	.9355	17
Mechanic Street.						
Carrie E. Drake	14	23	30	29	.9667	72
Maud A. Powell	20	26	42	40	.9523	80
Mary A. Haynes	13	16	33	32	.9696	109
Pear Street.						
Sarah E. Sturtevant	24	12	35	34	.9533	69
Mrs. J. G. Quimby	28	31	40	37	.9025	62
Washington Street.						
Emma E. Morse	24	10	29	28	.9655	119
Mary H. Cook	17	24	36	34	.9444	109
School Street.						
J. Annie Robinson	40	37	52	49	.9423	135
Weirs.						
Alida Fox	24	19	25	24	.9600	56
Crockett.						
Mrs. O. E. C. Swain	24	3	19	17	.8947	63
White Oaks.						
Grace M. Brown	8	10	14	12	.8572	7

Number of pupils who have attended to the study of—

Reading	1410
Spelling	1410
Writing	1493
Arithmetic	1413
Language	1362
Geography	867
History	758
Drawing	1470
Music	1400
Latin	71
French	79
German	13
Greek	5
Algebra	86
Geometry	52
Bookkeeping	12

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. J. H. Blaisdell, Superintendent of Schools:

The most important event in connection with the high school the past year has been the revision of the course of study. Experience showed the need of some changes in the courses prepared in the summer of 1894. The changes were made with the purpose of making the work of the several courses as nearly equal as possible and of putting each subject in that place in the course where it could be most profitably taken up by the students. While I believe that all the courses have been improved by the changes, yet, as will readily be seen, the greatest changes have been made in the commercial course, and I firmly believe that they will improve the school very much. This course, being of the same length as the others and demanding fully as much work from the pupils, it will no longer be chosen to escape the hard work of one of them. By the new arrangement the English and commercial courses are exactly alike for the first two years of school. This gives great advantages in seating the pupils and planning recitations. The greatest advantage, however, comes to the pupil, in giving him an opportunity to put off his choice of courses till he has been in the high school two years, and by so much to acquire a knowledge of his taste and abilities. Also he has received a training which is necessary that he may successfully cope with the work of business preparation. Again, the strictly commercial studies being nearly all placed in the third year of the course and the shorthand work in the fourth year, a pupil may take one set of these studies and make out his remaining year from one of the other courses. To this arrangement of the commercial course, as also to the following statement in regard to it, we are indebted almost entirely to Mr. Walter Leroy Smith:

"The third and fourth years' work in this course practically cover the ground of both the business and shorthand courses in a first-class commercial school; with the advantage that commercial law is taken with the shorthand instead of with

the bookkeeping work, thus affording the pupil the opportunity of putting his shorthand to an immediate and practical use, as well as the unquestioned advantage of an extra year's mental training before beginning this important subject."

A large use of public library books is now being made in connection with the work of the first class in American politics. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of the really good collection of historical works in the library. Co-operation on the part of the library and the school will enable both to obtain the results for which they were established more fully than can each working by itself.

Military drill has been re-established for those who desire to practice it. Personally, I am opposed to military drill in the schools on principle, and especially so while we are hampered by our present lack of room. While I believe that a military force is a necessity of our government in the present condition of civilization, yet I believe that a sufficient training can be obtained after the school course has been completed. I believe that the spirit of war and aggression is strong enough in our country, and does not need the added vigor imparted by a military training in our schools. However, I think our present instructor, is securing very good results, particularly in the way of physical exercise, or the setting-up drill. But, if physical exercise is beneficial to boys, it surely is no less so to girls. Therefore, instead of military drill I recommend that physical culture be made a part of the school curriculum.

With the exception of the teacher of the commercial branches we have the same efficient corps of teachers as last year. When I say "efficient" teachers, I mean to bestow no stinted praise, for I am confident that we have an exceptionally good corps of teachers at the present time. Mr. Harris, finding a more remunerative position, felt it his duty to accept it. He had been here three years and was not only doing good work in his subjects, but had a good influence on the general work of the school. His successor, although of an entirely different nature, is exceptionally well informed in the work of the commercial department and is rendering faithful service and securing good results. Respectfully submitted,

H. H. TUCKER, *Principal.*

APPENDIX TO REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Hoyt H. Tucker, A. M., Principal, History and Civics, Chemistry, Botany.

Walter Leroy Smith, Commercial Branches, Algebra, Rhetoricals.

Laura A. Smith, French, German, History.

Alice G. Coombs, A. B., Latin, Greek.

Edith L. Swain, English, Geometry.

Lucy N. Nelson, Drawing.

James B. Fernald, Military Drill.

Henry Shepard, Janitor.

PUPILS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, WITH THE COURSE OF STUDY PURSUED BY EACH.

Post Graduate.

Bert Stephen Dearborn.
Nathaniel Leavitt Mitchell.

Fourth Year.

Eleanor Locke Atkinson, Literary.
Frank Parker Bunker, Classical.
Frank True Durgin, Literary.
Bertha Almena Floyd, English.
Nelson Earle Gilman, Literary.
Harry Curtis Gordon, Literary.
Mary Elizabeth Hall, Partial.
Lutie Emma Mason, Literary.
Alfred Julian Morrill, English.
Otis Arthur Rowe, Classical.
Serena Gertrude Sanders, Literary.
Helen Grey Trask, English.
Ellie Louise Tucker, Classical.

Third Year.

Frederick Perley Atkinson, Partial.
Carrie Ethel Batchelder, Literary.
Eva Diana Bean, Commercial.

James Edward Bean, Commercial.
Nettie Bickford, Commercial.
Minnie Mae Breck, Partial.
Walter Hodgdon Bundy, Classical.
Louise Hattie Edwards, English.
Florence May Elsam, Literary.
Lulu Belle Frye, Commercial.
Lucy May Burley Garrett, Commercial.
Florence Belle Gilman, Literary.
Emma Florence Gordon, English.
Delbert Ray Jessaman, Commercial.
Tressie Addie Marsh, English.
Maud Josephine Meserve, Partial.
Lillian May Moore, Literary.
Nettie Mae Pearson, English.
Hollis Gordon Perkins, Literary.
Sadie Pearl Rogers, Literary.
Grace Asenath Russell, Literary.
Julius Edwin Sanborn, Commercial.
Louis Henry Trask, Commercial.
Clara Bessie Wallace, Partial.
Lottie Ethelyn Wallace, English.
Gertrude Menona Wilcox, Partial.
Lewis Howe Tyler Wilkinson, English.

Second Year.

Allen Kinsman Breck, Commercial.
Arnold Frank Brown, Commercial.
Marie Louise Busiel, English.
Katherine Florence Cate, English.
Lois Marie Chandler, Literary.
Jessie May Clark, English.
Bessie May Clement, Commercial.
Arthur Mayhew Cook, Literary.
Etherlyn Bell Dearborn, English.
William John Delude, Literary.
Maud Bernice Dexter, English.
Mamie Elizabeth Driscoll, Commercial.

George Pearl Elliott, Commercial.
Florence Emma Fulton, Partial.
Agnes Bessie George, Literary.
Clifton de Golia Gilman, Partial.
Frank Gilman, Commercial,
Kate Amanda Gilman, Literary.
Olive Beatrice Greenwood, Commercial.
Clara Josephine Greiner, Literary.
Lulu Josephine Hart, Literary.
Grace Mabelle Hill, Literary.
Ethel Dean Lamprey, Literary.
Edith Myrtle Lougee, Literary.
Charles Frederic Maher, English.
Harry Sewal McDaniel, Commercial.
Jessa Saunders McDaniel, Literary.
Minnie Mabel McFarlane, Commercial.
Kate Mary McLaughlin, Commercial.
Lizzie Agnes McLaughlin, Commercial.
Juliette Frances Moore, English.
Freeman Berry Plummer, Commercial.
Eva Lou Smith, English.
Nellie Teresa Sullivan, Literary.
Arthur Wallace Tucker, Classical.
Isabelle Lyland Wiggin, English.

First Year.

Roxie May Baker, French.
Bertha Edith Batchelder, Latin.
Moody Hazen Bedel, Latin.
Frank Bickford, French.
Erwin Creighton Burleigh, Latin.
Ethel Theodate Burpee, Latin.
Charlie James Cate, French.
Fern Leslie Cheney, French.
Florence Martha Colby, French.
Virginia Louise Cole, Latin.
Arthur Louis Davis, Latin.
James Harry Davis, French.

Otis Alpheus Donagan, French.
Edward Charles Eames, Partial.
Lyford Ellsworth, Latin.
Eugene Emery, Latin.
Earl Flanders, Latin.
Chester Milton Ginn, Latin.
Inez Lucilla Ginn, Latin.
Amy Keleine Glover, French.
Ethelyn Belinda Goodwin, Latin.
Jennie Eliza Haines, Latin.
Sadie Maude Hall, Latin.
Rena Sylvia Hezelton, French.
Norma Augusta Hill, French.
Park Rowe Hoyt, Latin.
Rena Georgia Hunt, Latin.
Maud Verne Hutchins, French.
Mattie Lorette Johnson, French.
Lulu Ann Susan Jones, French.
Florence Annie Mildred Leavitt, Latin.
Hannah Bernice Leavitt, French.
Mabel Lucina Leavitt, French.
Florence May Leighton, Latin.
Ina Corrine McIntosh, Latin.
Georgia Evelyn Meader, French.
John Martin Meserve, Latin.
Ethel Winnifred Moore, Latin.
Blanche Della Pease, French.
Elmer Orrin Prescott, Latin.
Abbie Everett Rand, French.
Edith May Rice, Latin.
Joseph Charles Richardson, Partial.
Phil Madison Riley, Latin.
Nettie Ella Sargent, Latin.
Ernest William Sharpe, Latin.
Bert Elisher Smith, French.
Annie Christina Sullivan, Latin.
George Burle Tebbetts, Latin.
Hester Melvina Thompson, Partial.

Bernice Edith Toof, Latin.
Thomas David Trainor, Latin.
Evelyn Gilman Tucker, Latin.
John Turcotte, Latin.
Ethel Emma Tyler, Latin.
Archie Wadley, French.
Florence Wadley, French.
Margaret Virginia Walliss, Latin.
Thomas Theodore Weeks, Latin.
Mary Frances Whalen, French.
Charlotte Elizabeth Wheeler, Partial.
Susie Frazer White, Latin.
Clifford Wood Whiting, Partial.
George Damon Wilkinson, Latin.

STATISTICS.

Table A, Showing Enrollment by Years.

Classification.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Post graduates	2	.....	2
Fourth year	6	7	13
Third year	8	19	27
Second year	11	25	36
First year	27	37	64
Total	54	88	142

Table B, Showing Enrollment by Courses.

Courses.	4th Yr.		3d Yr.		2d Yr.		1st Yr.		Totals.		Total.
	Boys.	Girls	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
Post graduate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Classical	2	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	1	5
Literary	3	3	1	6	2	10	.....	.....	6	19	25
English	1	2	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	9
Commercial	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4	8
Latin*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	20	17	20	37
French†	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	11	7	15	14	29	43
Partial	.....	1	1	4	1	1	3	2	5	8	13
Total	6	7	8	19	11	25	27	37	54	88	142
Total	13		27		36		64		142		

*Pupils taking this subject may pursue any one of the three courses for the remaining three years.

†Pupils taking this subject may pursue either the English or Commercial course.

Table C, Showing Enrollment by Subjects.

Subjects.	4th Yr.		3rd Yr.		2d Yr.		1st Yr.		Pos gradu'te		Totals.		Totals.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
English	6	7	8	19	11	25	27	37	.....	.....	52	88	140
Latin	5	6	2	6	3	10	17	20	.....	.....	27	32	59
Greek	2	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	5
French	3	4	3	15	9	24	7	15	1	.....	23	58	81
German	1	5	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	9	11
Algebra	3	1	3	12	1	3	26	36	.....	.....	33	52	87
Geometry	1	2	3	12	10	24	.....	.....	2	.....	16	38	54
Commercial Arithmetic	.....	.....	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	7	7	14
Bookkeeping	.....	.....	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7	12
Botany	.....	.....	1	4	8	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	18	27
Chemistry	5	2	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	5	14
Geology	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4
Meteorology	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4
Greek and Roman Hist.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	37	.....	.....	26	37	63
English History	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	14	.....	.....	1	.....	8	14	22
Am. Hist. and Civ. Gov.	.....	.....	7	14	10	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	35	52
Hist. American Poli'cs	6	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	8	7	15
Drawing	6	7	8	19	11	25	27	37	.....	.....	52	88	140
Elocution	6	6	8	19	11	25	27	37	.....	.....	52	87	139
Penmanship	3	5	7	8	7	16	19	28	21	.....	37	57	94

Courses of Study.

	Classical Course.	Hours per Week.	Literary Course.	Hours per Week.	English Course.	Hours per Week.	Commercial Course.	Hours per Week.
1st Yr.	English	4	English	4	English	4	English	4
	Algebra	4	Algebra	4	Algebra	4	Algebra	4
	Greek and Roman history	4	Greek and Roman history	4	Greek and Roman history	4	Greek and Roman history	4
	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin, French or German	5	Latin, French or German	5
2d. Year.	English	3	English	3	English	3	English	3
	Geometry	3	Geometry	3	Geometry	3	Geometry	3
	American history and civil government	4	American history and civil government	4	American history and civil government	4	American history and civil government	4
	Latin	4	Latin	4	Latin, French or German	4	Latin, French or German	4
	Greek	4	French or German	4	Botany	2	Botany	2
					English history	2	English history	2
3d Year.	English	3	English	3	English	4	English	3
	Algebra	2	Algebra	2	Algebra	2	Bookkeeping	10
	Geometry	2	Geometry	2	Geometry	2	Commercial arithmetic	3
	Latin	4	Latin	4	Latin, French or German	4	Business correspondence	1
	Greek	4	French or German	4	Chemistry	4	Penmanship	3
	German or French	3	German, French or chemistry	3	Meteorology	2		
4th Year.	English	3	English	3	English	3	English	3
	Physics	4	Physics	4	Physics	4	Shorthand	5
	German or French	3	German, French or history	3	History	3	Typewrit'g and correspond'nce	5
	Latin	4	Latin	4	Latin, French or German	4	Commercial law	2
	Greek	4	French or German	4	Geology	2	Commercial geography	2
					Trigonom'y and higher algebra	2	Penmanship	2

Music.—One exercise a week.

Drawing.—One exercise a week.

Rhetoricals.—One exercise a week.

Penmanship.—May be taken as an extra subject by all pupils who desire, so far as the facilities of the school will allow. Those contemplating the commercial course are advised to take it the first two years in the school.

NOTES ON THE COURSES.

The classical and literary courses fit for the best New England colleges. The English course fits for the best technical and scientific schools. The commercial course fits for a business career.

There must be a sufficient number of pupils desiring a certain elective before a class is formed in it.

In June of each year pupils will be asked to choose their subjects for the following year,

No change of courses will be allowed during the year, except for urgent reasons, and then only by permission of the superintendent and principal.

Ordinarily a pupil having entered on a course of study, will derive much greater benefit by continuing it throughout the school course than he will by changing from one course to another.

Double periods may be assigned to laboratory work on certain days. This increase in periods is offset by exemption from study in preparation.

Courses of study, however, are not to be regarded as rigid, unchangeable objects. Any changes which can be shown to be for the interest of individual pupils will be cheerfully accorded when the conditions of the school permit. It will especially be the aim of the school to make such changes as may be necessary to prepare a pupil for any higher institution which he may desire to enter. Pupils and parents are requested to consult the principal on this matter as early in the course as possible.

Weekly Program.

Days	Period.	Mr. Tucker.	Room	Mr. Smith.	Room	Miss Coombs.	Room	Miss Swain.	Room	Miss Smith.	Room	Miss Nelson.	Room
Monday.	9.15—10.00	1st Chemistry	8	2d Algebra	11	4th Latin *b*	13	3d Geometry *a*	15	Care of	11	4th Drawing *a*	10
	10.00—10.45	1st "	8	Care of	11	4th " *a*	13	3d " *b*	15	1st German	14	4th " *b*	10
	11.15—12.00	3d History	15	2d Arithmetic	11	2d "	13			4th French	10	1st "	14
	1.30— 2.10	1st "	13	Care of	11	3d Greek	12	4th English *a*	15	2d "	10	3d " *b*	14
	2.10— 2.50	4th " *a*	12	2d Bookkeeping	11	1st "	13	4th " *b*	15	1st "	10	3d " *a*	14
	2.50— 3.30	4th " *b*	12	2d "	11	3d Latin	13			3d English hist'y	10	2d " *a*	14
Tuesday.	9.15—10.00	2d History	14	4th Algebra *a*	10	4th Latin *b*	13	3d Geometry *a*	15	2d German	11		
	10.00—10.45	Care of	14	4th " *b*	10	4th " *a*	13	3d " *b*	15	1st "	11		
	11.15—12.00			2d "	11	1st "	13	3d English	14	4th French	10		
	1.30— 2.10			1, 2, 3 Penmansh'p	11	2d "	13	4th " *a*	14	Care of	10		
	2.10— 2.50	3d History*	15	4th Elocution *a**	14	1st Greek*	13	4th " *b*	10	1st French*	12	2d Drawing *b*	11
	2.50— 3.30	1st History	13	4th " *	14	3d "	12	2d "	11	3d "	10		
Wednesday	9.15—10 00	1st Chemistry	8	4th Algebra *a*	10	4th Latin *b*	13	3d Geometry *a*	15	2d French	11		
	10 00—10.45	1st "	8	4th " *b*	10	4th " *a*	13	3d " *b*	15	1st German	14		
	11.15—12 00	3d History	15	2d Arithmetic	11	2d "	13	1st English	14	4th French	10		
	1.30— 2.10	2d "	11	1st Elocution*	14	3d Greek*	13	4th " *a**	15	3d " *	10		
	2.10— 2 50	4th " *a*	12	Care of	11	3d Latin	13	4th " *b**	14	2d German	10		
	2.50— 3.30	4th " *b*	12	Care of	11	1st "	13	2d " *	14	3d English hist'y	10		
Thursday.	9.15—10.00	3d History	14	4th Algebra *a*	10	4th Latin *b**	13	2d Geometry	15	Care of	11		
	10.00—10.45	2d "	15	4th " *b*	10	4th " *a**	13	1st English	14	2d German	11		
	11.15—12-00	1st "	13	Care of	11	3d Greek	12	2d "	14	4th French*	10		
	1.30— 2.10	3d Botany	14	2d Bookkeeping	11	3d Latin*	10	4th " *a*	15	Care of	13		
	2.10— 2.50	4th History, *a*	12	2d "	11	1st " *	13	4th " *b*	14	3d French	10		
	2.50— 3.30	4th " *b*	12	Care of	11	1st Greek	13	3d "	14	1st "	10		
Friday.	9.15—10.00	Care of	14	4th Algebra *a*	10	4th Latin *b*	13	2d Geometry	15	1st German*	11		
	10.00—10.45	1st Geology	11	4th " *b*	10	4th " *a*	13	Care of	14	2d French	12		
	11.15—12.00	3d Botany	14	2d Arithmetic	11	3d "	15	1st English	13	4th "	10		
	1.30— 2.10	2d History*	15	4th Penmanship	11	1st Greek	13	3d "	14	Care of	10		
	2.10— 2.50	4th History *a*	10	3d Elocution*	14	2d Latin	13	1st Algebra	15	1st French	12		
	2.50— 3.30	4th " *b*	10	2d " *	14	1st "	13			3d "	12		

*Unprepared recitations.

Opening exercises, 9.00-9.15; recess, 10.45-11.00; "Current Events" in Rooms 10, 11, 13 and 14, 11.00-11.15; intermission, 12.00-1.30

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

ENGLISH.—Keeler and Davis' English Composition, Mead's English Grammar, Hill's Rhetoric. The various texts required to be read for entrance to the New England colleges, with notes, selected from the lists of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Longmans, Green & Co., Silver, Burdett & Co., American Book Company, Allyn & Bacon, Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, Ginn & Co., Harper & Bros., and Maynard, Merrill & Co.

LATIN.—Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar, Scudder's First Latin Reader, Arrowsmith & Knapp's Viri Romae, Arrowsmith & Whicher's First Latin Readings, Allen & Greenough's Cicero, Greenough's Virgil, Daniel's Latin Composition, D'Ooge's Easy Latin for Sight Reading, and Post's Latin at Sight.

GREEK.—Goodwin's Greek Grammar, Gleason & Atherton's First Greek Book, Goodwin & White's Anabasis, Seymour's Iliad and Collar & Daniel's Greek Composition.

FRENCH.—Chardenal's Complete French Course, Keetel's French Grammar, Super's French Reader, Halevy's L'Abbé Constantin, Logie, Dumas' Le Duc de Beaufort, Kitchen, Racine's Athalie, Brette, Corneille's Horace, Brette, Moliere's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, Traver, Erckman-Chartrain's Conscrit de 1813, Bôcher, Hugo's La Chute, Huss, Lacombe's Petite Histoire du Peuple François, Bué, Grandgent's French Composition, parts i, ii, iii, iv and v, and Heath's French Dictionary.

GERMAN.—Joynes-Meissner's German Grammar, Joynes' German Reader, Schiller's Maria Stuart, Joynes, Bernhardt's Im Zweilicht, volumes i and ii, and Köhler's German Dictionary.

MATHMETICS.—Wells' Essentials of Algebra, Wentworth's Geometry, Wentworth's Geometrical Exercises, Beaman & Smith's Geometry Tablet, Williams & Rogers' Commercial Arithmetic and Williams & Rogers' Bookkeeping.

SCIENCE.—Bergen's Elements of Botany, The Smith College Botanical Note Book, Remsen's Elements of Chemistry, Remsen's Laboratory Manual of Chemistry, Carhart & Chute's Physics, Chute's Physical Laboratory Manual, Shaler's First

Book in Geology, Tarr's Elementary Geology, and Waldo's Elements of Meteorology.

HISTORY.—Myers' Ancient History, Montgomery's Leading Facts of English History, Fiske's Civil Government, and Johnston's History of American Politics.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Tilden's Commercial Geography, Williams & Rogers' Commercial Law, Munson's Phonography and Emerson's Evolution of Expression.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

OF

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL

AT

MOULTON OPERA HOUSE,

TWO O'CLOCK,

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1897.

Veritas Vincit.

PROGRAM.

Vocal March . . . . . Becker

School Chorus.

Prayer.

Recitative and Aria—From "Legend of Don Munio" . . . . . Dudley Buck

Miss Page.

Class Oration, "Compulsory Education" . . . . . .

Mr. Henderson.

"The Value of Attention" . . . . . .

Miss Shattuck.

"Why Support High Schools?" . . . . . .

Miss Lamprey.

"Song of the Skylark" . . . . . Mendelssohn

School Chorus.

Address, Hon. E. B. Hayes.

"A Tribute to Washington" . . . . . Marshall

School Chorus.

Award of Diplomas.

Essay Subjects.

Miss Bickford . . . . . "The Cuban Question"
Mr. Chase . . . . . "Get Ready for Life"
Mr. Clay . . . . . "The History of Strikes"
Mr. Dearborn . . . . . "Municipal Ownership"
Miss Dearborn . . . . "How Silas Marner Became a Miser"
Mr. Foss . . . . . "Music as a Recreation"
Mr. Henderson . . . . . "Compulsory Education"
Miss Hordley . . . . . "The School System of Laconia"
Miss Lamprey . . . . . "Why Support High Schools?"
Mr. Mitchell . . . . . "New Journalism"
Miss Moulton . . . "Views of the Lake and Surroundings"
Miss Page . . . . . "Music as an Educator"
Miss Sanborn . . . . "The Pleasures of Studying History"
Mr. Sanders . . . "The Most Beneficial Bird to Agriculture"
Miss Sargent . . . "The Development of the Telegraph"
Miss Shattuck . . . . . "The Value of Attention"
Miss Waltz . . . . . "What We Shall Read"

Graduates.

Four Years' Course.—Waldo Hoyt Clay, English; Florence May Dearborn, English; Robert Alfred Foss, English; Winnifred Elizabeth Hordley, English; Gertrude Eliza Lamprey, Literary; Ada Mabel Moulton, English; Lillian Hannah Page, Literary; Pearl Smith Sanborn, Literary; Frank Reed Sanders, English; Bessie Belinda Sargent, English; Minnie Belle Shattuck, Literary.

Three Years' Course—Commercial. — Gustavia Bickford, Walter Edwin Chase, Burt Stephen Dearborn, Clarence Victor Henderson, Nathaniel Leavitt Mitchell, Madeline Ella Waltz.

Class Motto—Finem Respice.

REPORT OF THE DRAWING TEACHER.

Mr. J. H. Blaisdell, Superintendent of Schools:

There has been greater advancement in drawing the past year than in any previous year, as was shown at our annual exhibition. I wish to express my thanks for the assistance given by the teachers and pupils in preparing the work for exhibition.

One new feature of the work was the use of water color in the high school, for a few weeks, in the spring term. The work done with this medium was principally painting scales of color and coloring designs, in which the pupils took great interest. This is about all we can do with the present accommodations. We hope for a room devoted entirely to art study.

The greater part of the fall term was devoted to free hand drawing. At present we are taking up geometric problems, the projections of solids and the development of their surfaces.

This year drawing has reached the senior class in the high school, consequently all pupils in the school have drawing once every week. The pupils are taking up the work with greater interest; this is shown in the increased accuracy and neatness of the drawings as they are passed in from week to week.

Nothing as yet has been done in the line of school room decoration, except in one or two schools, where the pupils have bought a picture for the wall, but we hope in the near future a small beginning may be made.

Respectfully,

LUCY N. NELSON.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

To Joseph H. Blaisdell, Superintendent of Schools:

I respectfully present herewith, a report of the truant work performed by the police department from September 20, 1897, to February 15, 1898.

This report must necessarily be brief, as the work has but recently been delegated to this department. When we assumed the truant work it at once became apparent that unless some means were devised whereby the superintendent and teachers could assist us, the officers would have very little time to devote to their regular duties. We have now, through the co-operation of yourself and our teachers, succeeded in establishing a system which seems to work very nicely and reduces the work of the officers to a considerable extent. At the beginning of the school term we were furnished with the name, age, residence, etc., of each scholar between the ages of 8 and 16 years, also the location and grade number of each school and the school attendance of each pupil during the year preceeding. His information we file away, using a card index. On the back of the card we keep a complete record of the scholar whose name appears on the opposite side. If he or she is granted an employment certificate, or transferred from one school to another, or a change of residence is made, we are at once informed by the superintendent, and the same is recorded. Thus our index becomes not only a directory, but contains much other valuable information. By its use the officers avoid the trouble of visiting the schools to learn the residence of a scholar who is reported to us as absent by the superintendent, who informs us by telephone, except on Tuesday and Friday mornings of each week, when we visit the schools regularly. Oftentimes the officers are detained in court or otherwise engaged; then, of necessity, the school visits go over until the next day; usually, however, the officers arrange to take care of their school work.

Much might be said concerning the causes which make the truant officers' work necessary. And many are the methods

we might propose to induce children who, unless closely followed up remain away from school, to attend and become interested in their studies, but I believe the only true remedy is kind words of encouragement. If force must be used, let it be brought to bear upon the parents, whose indifference is largely responsible for the *unnecessary* absence, which is the principal trouble we have to contend with.

I wish to thank you and the teachers for the kind assistance you have rendered the officers. The work is new to us, and doubtless there is much we have left undone. However, we have tried to do our duty ; how well we have succeeded is for you to say.

Number of visits to schools	440
Cases of absenteeism investigated	178
Visits to mills and other manufacturing establishments	37
Children found employed contrary to law	23
Truancies determined by investigation	48
Put in school by the officers	52
Parents notified to send children to school	79
Employment certificates granted	38

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. W. SCOTT,

City Marshal.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

VALUATION, 1897.

Polls 2,220	$222,000.00
Real estate	3,281,222.00
Horses, 779	35,274.00
Oxen, 30	1,100.00
Cows, 402	7,162.00
Other neat stock, 73	886.00
Sheep, 52	246.00
Hogs, 3	20.00
Fowls	40.00
Carriages, 74	4,868.00
Stock in banks	118,378.00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	56,298.00
Stock in trade	275,384.00
Factories and machinery	336,830.00
Buildings not designated	10,500.00
Total	$4,350,208.00
Valuation of Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	$3,175,778.00
" " Ward 6	1,174,430.00
	$4,350,208.00
Taxes assessed	$88,406.56
Tax on $1,000, Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	20.00
" " Ward 6	21.20

APPROPRIATIONS.

MADE MAY 3, 1897.

State tax	$11,260.00
County tax	13,050.43
Schools	22,000.00
Highways and bridges	12,000.00
Concreting; bridges $450, sidewalks $500	950.00
Fire department	3,000.00
Hydrant service	2,250.00
Street lighting	8,000.00
Police department	4,300.00
Memorial day	200.00
Support of poor	800.00
Aid furnished dependent soldiers and their families	200.00
Public libraries	700.00
City clocks	200.00
Health department	100.00
Sewer maintenance	1,000.00
City engineering	200.00
Parks	100.00
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500.00
Interest on bonds and notes	9,500.00
Payment of Nos. 3 and 4 city of Laconia funding bonds	2,000.00
Salaries	5,917.00
	$100,227.43
Payment of Nos. 5 and 6 Ward 6 coupon notes	$1,000.00
Interest on Ward 6 coupon notes	446.25
Total	$101,673.68

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK.

To the City Council:

The following is an account of the money collected by me for the city for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898 and the sources from which the same was received:

DOG LICENSES.

Female dogs, 33 at $5	$165.00
Female dog, 1	1.65
Male dogs, 315 at $2	630.00
	$796.65
Less fees deducted by city clerk, 349 licenses at 20c.	69.80
	$726.85
Received from Albert Colby, expenses returned	1.00
Paid city treasurer	$727.85

BILLIARD and POOL TABLE LICENSES.

Received of French & Farwell, 1 pool table	$10.00
" " Charles Maher, 1 billiard, 1 pool table, 2 bowling alleys	40.00
Received of R. H. Griffin, 1 billiard, 1 pool table	20.00
" " J. A. Greene, 2 pool tables, 2 bowling alleys, license for summer hotel	16.00
	$86.00

HAWKERS' AND PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

Received of Josiah Norris	$13.00
" " Wm. Cotnam	13.00
	$26.00

Licenses to Showmen.

Received of	Washburn's circus	$35.00
" "	Boston Zoo	18.00
" "	Queen Dehand	6.00
" "	Folsom Opera House	3.00
" "	Moulton " "	13.00
		$75.00

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. FRYE,

City Clerk.

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

To the City Council:

I herewith submit my report as city collector from Feb. 13, to June 3, 1897, inclusive.

Amount due Feb. 13, 1897 on 1892 list	$208.76
" " June 3, " " "	208.00
Amount due Feb. 13, 1897, on 1895 list	$21.28
" abated on 1895 list	7.88
	$13.40
Amount collected on 1895 list	$13.40
Amount of interest collected on 1895 list	$1.90
Amount due Feb. 13, 1897, on 1896 list	$16,956.75
" " of added taxes " "	11.36
	$16,968.11
Amount abated on 1896 list	775.32
	$16,192.79
Amount collected on 1896 list	16,015.29
Amount due on 1896 list	$177.50
Amount of interest collected on 1896 list	$589.14

SUMMARY.

Whole amount collected Feb. 13, to June 3, 1897, inclusive	$16,028.69
Whole amount of interest collected Feb. 13, to June 3, 1897, inclusive	591.04

Whole amount of abatements Feb. 13, to June 3, 1897, inclusive	783.20
Whole amount due the city	386.26

FRANK L. GILMAN,
City Collector.

To the City Council:

I herewith submit my report as tax collector from June 3, 1897 to Feb. 12, 1898, inclusive.

Amount due June 3, 1897 on 1892 list .		$208.76	
" collected		115.25	
" due			$93.51
" due June 3, 1897 on 1896 list .		$177.50	
" of added taxes		14.00	
" of interest collected		2.54	
Total		$194.04	
Amount collected	$45.52		
" abated	72.24	117.76	
" due			$76.28
" of 1897 list		$88,406.56	
" of added taxes		108.56	
" of interest collected		86.05	
Total		$88,601.17	
Amount collected	$72,902.27		
" abated	416.53	73,318.80	
" due			$15,282 37
Total due city			$15,452.16

SUMMARY.

Whole amount collected June 3, 1897 to Feb. 12, '96 .	$73,063.04
" " of interest collected	88.59
" " of abatements	488.77
" " due the city	15,452.16

FRED A. YOUNG,
Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia:

I have the honor to submit the report of the treasurer of the city of Laconia for the year ending February 15, 1898, as follows:

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897	$3,172.93
RECEIPTS.	
Taxes, 1897	$72,902.27
" 1896	16,649.95
" 1895	15.30
" 1892	115.25
" town of Gilford lists	157.01
State of New Hampshire, insurance tax	192.00
" " railroad tax	3,839.49
" " savings bank tax . .	7,800.44
" " literary fund tax . . .	850.64
S. C. Frye, city clerk, dog licenses	727.85
" " show licenses	75.00
" " billiard licenses	86.00
" " h'wkers and ped'lers' licenses	26.00
" " fire department	24.50
Police Court, M. B. Plummer, clerk, civil cases . .	20.00
" H.K.W. Scott, city marshal, criminal cases	1,391.11
County of Belknap, for support of poor	107.00
William Nelson, street commissioner, street dept.	111.06
" Supt. of sewer department . . .	196.28
" city engineer, city engineering dept.	.87
School department, tuition	64.90
Public library, receipts for fines, etc	66.26
D. B. Story, assignee, taxes on property sold to city	160.86
Miscellaneous receipts	397.50
Notes issued	64,800.00
Total receipts	$173,950.47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Notes paid	$67,000.00
School department	22,064.71
Street department	13,471.42
County tax	13,050.43
State tax	11,260.00
Lighting streets	8,057.62
Salaries	6,178.68
Fire department	2,857.39
Police department	4,279.21
Hydrants	1,265.00
Sewer maintenance	1,041.76
Funding bonds, issue of July 1895, Nos. 3 & 4 paid	2,000.00
Ward 5 coupon notes, due Apr. 1 and Oct. 1, 5 & 6 paid	1,000.00
Coupons from town of Laconia bonds, paid	2,600.00
" city sewerage and funding bonds, paid	4,560.00
" city funding bond, paid	1,080.00
Interest on notes	747.91
Police court	603.38
Interest on Ward 6 coupon notes, coupons paid	446.25
Support of poor	1,276.64
Land damages	505.14
New streets, extensions, etc.	1,348.34
Concreting	862.00
Public library	766.26
City clocks	194.50
Aid furnished dedendent soldiers, etc	93.90
Property purchased at tax sale	160.86
City engineering	119.71
Memorial day	200.00
Park, rent of Folsom park	100.00
Health department	10.57
L. G. Morgan, note and interest	259.56
Dog license, etc.	31.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,948.47
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898	2,509.76
	$173,950.47

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the City Council:

The books of the city treasurer have been examined and compared with those of the city clerk, by your committee on finance, and found correct, with proper vouchers on file for all payments.

All bills allowed by the committee on accounts and claims, the payment of which has been authorized by the city council, have been paid.

The sources from which the income of the past year has been derived have also been examined, and the treasurer has charged himself with the amount received and has made a correct statement of the same in detail. The balance of cash in the hands of the treasurer is two thousand five hundred and 76-100 dollars ($2,509.76).

CHARLES L. PULSIFER,
JULIUS E. WILSON,
JOHN F. MERRILL,
Committee on Finance.

CITY EXPENSES.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1898.

Being an itemized account made up from the books of the city clerk, of the payments made by the city treasurer on account of running expenses.

The arrangements of the details of expenditures which follows is intended to give such information as is desired by the public.

Items of payment to the same person or firm at different times are included in the aggregate amount given, if paid for the same objects. By notices in the local press and otherwise, efforts have been made to ascertain and pay all approved bills to date.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Appropriation	$11,260.00
Paid state tax	11,260.00
Received insurance tax	$192.00
Railroad tax	3,839.49
Savings bank tax	7.800.44
Literary fund	850.64
	$12,682.57
Transfer account	12,682.57

COUNTY OF BELKNAP.

Appropriation for county tax	$13,050.43
Paid M. M. Robinson, traasurer	13,050.43

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	$12,000.00
Received from sales (see street commissioners' report)	111.06
Land damage account (transfer)	447.14
New streets, extensions and grading account (transfer)	1,348.34
Fire department (transfer)	132.00
Transfer account (amount overdrawn)	1,360.36
	$15.398.90

Paid as Follows.

G. W. Allen, harness, repairs, etc.	$11.26
Andrews & Haddock, blacksmithing	4 60
C. E. Buzzell, expenses and supplies	2.05
C. E. Buzzell, rent of office	62.50
B. & M. R. R., freight charges	24.06
J. Boulia & Co., lumber	7.15
F. G. Berry, sewer pipe	41.67
James T. Bugbee, supplies	1.16
H. C. Batchelder, boards	2.77
Belknap Iron and Brass Foundry, sewer gratings	18.00
J. L. Brimmer, labor	7.87
Benj D. Benson & Son, supplies	1.80
Blanchard Oil Co., oil	2.00
Geo. W. Burres, furniture and oil	10.00
Gardner Cook & Son, lumber	289.93
A. M. Cotton, labor and hay	103.36
E. A. Chase, supplies	3.60
Cole Mfg. Co., supplies	6.17
E. L. Cram, supplies	10.69
S. B. Cole, curbing	19.36
W. G. Cram, grain	46.30
City Marble and Granite Works, curbing, etc.	250.00
W. B. Cass, hay	25.67
John P. Clay & Son, supplies	7.00
J. B. Chapman, hay	43.73

E. J. Dinsmore, harness, repairs, etc.	$108.45
John H. Dow, fuel	17.50
Dr. H. A. Dow, veterinary services	5.00
Geo. F. Dame, supplies	24.32
J. T. Durham & Son, labor and expense	15.30
Noah Davis, gravel	2.40
R. W. Durham, stone steps	8.00
D. H. Elliott, hay and freight etc.	45.33
J. W. Follett, filing saws	4.85
T. C. Follett, hay	35.76
L. Frohock, hay	24.76
L. W. Filgate, blacksmithing	4.25
A. O. Folsom, labor	4.00
Foss, Tucker & Fifield, post and rail	3.00
J. L. Foster, sprinkling	1.00
W. L. Frost, blacksmithing	2.13
French Catholic Society, gravel	15.00
J. Haddock, repairs for road machine	32.70
J. F. Harriman, supplies and books	4.92
Hodgson & Holt Mfg. Co., wool sacks	.60
W. D. Huse, labor and supplies	45.62
John E. Hobbs, runners for road machine	45.00
Hickory Broom Fibre Co., brooms	3.29
C. C. Haines, supplies	2 00
E. H. Hill, hay	10.89
Frank W. Johnson, snow roller and sled	85.50
Laconia Press Association, printing	14.15
Laconia & Lake Village Water Works, water at stables	32.08
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., lights in stables	93.10
Laconia Lumber Works, lumber	146.04
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	137.63
Laconia Car Company, hot water	14.50
Lake Company, grain	61.40
John G. Lesure, horse medicine	8.00
M. Long, posts	12.25
Charles F. Locke, supplies	35.76
Albert V. Locke, painting signs	4 00

S. D. McGloughlin, blacksmithing	$246.67
F. H. Moore, hay	18.35
J. S. Morrill, grain	294.19
R. F. Moore, veterinary services	46.35
Geo. F. Mallard, horse medicine	7.35
A. E. Martell & Co., order books	23.00
D. K. Marsh & Co., hay	6.14
Geo. A. McKay, damage	6.80
William Nelson, expenses	17.09
E. P. Osgood, labor and supplies	36.40
O'Shea Bros., electric lamps	5.50
Dennis O'Shea, hay	31.33
J. F. Prescott, hay	155.50
Geo. M. Prescott & Co., blacksmithing	1.51
Perrin, Seamans & Co., supplies and plow	59.91
Plummer & Thompson, supplies	4.20
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	6.82
B. F. Parker, straw	6.90
Olin S. Philbrook, sprinkling	4.34
Page & Story, painting	2.50
Portland Stone Ware Co., pipe	77.62
F. R. Prescott, hay	25.35
Mrs. C. W. Pickering, rent	60.00
G. F. Quinby, hay	31.13
H. F. Rublee & Son, blacksmithing	64.64
J. L. Roberts, coal	21.84
Chas. D. Reese, badge	15.00
H. E. Rowan, horse liniment	4.50
John Parker Smith, supplies	24.73
George A. Sanders, supplies and labor	30.39
A. W. Sargent, hay	10.44
F. W. Story, books	2.65
W. B. Stevens, pipe and repairs	20.96
K. D. Sawyer, rent of land	25.00
J. H. Story, medicines and supplies	4.55
Joseph F. Smith, lumber	12.80
J. F. Sanborn, hay	47.47
Tucker & Clark, supplies	11 61

G. W. Tarlson, supplies	$1.95
Estate of N. L. True, hay	44.66
Union Snow Plow & Wagon Co., 3 snow plows	180.00
Frank A. Wadley, blacksmithing	37.60
B. S. Wadleigh, hot water	2.50
James A. Wilcox, hay	18.00
Welch & Hall, horses	245.00
Wallace Bros., labor and supplies	19.57
J. W. Webster, painting stable	25.00
Weeks Bros., printing	5.80
Winn. Gas & Electric Lighting Co., labor and supplies	2.75
Scott Wentworth, straw	20.13
John H. Weeks, wood	7.00
E. F. Woodman, supplies	.50
Pay rolls	11,203.77
	$15.398.90

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$22,000.00
Received for tuition	64.90
	$22,064.90

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

Morrill Ames, wood and labor	$49.50
C. A. Andrews, repairs	.47
Andrews & Haddock, repairs	.50
F. R. Adams, supplies	3.62
Allyn & Bacon, books	49.17
American Book Co., books	78.44
J. B. Ayer, wood	11.00
Boston School Supply Co., books	3.60
H. J. Brown, labor and repairs, etc.	107.01
B. & M. R. R. transportation of scholars from Weirs	11.00
H. E. Brawn & Son, supplies	6.99
H. C. Batchelder, labor and supplies	13.67
Frank G. Beaman, binding books, etc.	8.00
J. Boulia & Co., lumber	2.88
James T. Bugbee, supplies	1.80
Burlington Venetian Blind Co., supplies	3.50

A. R. Burpee, fence posts	$7.00
W. N. Cragin, expenses	24.57
T H. Castor & Co., books	5.40
Gardner Cook & Son, labor, supplies and fuel	68.48
Central School Supply House, raised maps, one-half payment	150.00
Clarence A. Clark, printing	7.75
Cole Manufacturing Co., repairs	.80
City Marble & Granite Works, supplies and labor	7.50
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co., supplies	26.34
W. E. Chase, labor	1.80
E. A. Chase, rent	50.00
H. D. Collins, brooms	.70
G. F. Dame, labor and supplies	9.25
Lucian Dow, wood	12.00
William T. Davis, labor	1.65
Clarence Dearborn, labor	1.30
O. H. Dame, labor and supplies	38.25
John H. Dow, wood	35.00
Educational Publishing Co., supplies	2.20
Eimer & Amend, supplies	46.24
S. F. Everett, supplies	4.00
D. H. Elliott, cartage and freight paid	6.32
Emerson College of Oratory, books	18.20
Frank E. French, repair of locks	2.80
A. C. Fogg, basket	1.00
Bertha M. Floyd, transportation from The Weirs	9.53
Ginn & Company, books	133.88
J. L. Hammett & Co., books and supplies	415.88
D. C. Heath & Co., books	133.29
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	126.32
H. F. Hilliard, labor and supplies	18.20
J. F. Harriman, supplies	2.50
A. H. Harriman, cash paid for telephoning	1.42
Henry Hobb & Co., books	5.48
W. D. Huse, labor and supplies	17.69
W. D. Heath, repair of clock	.75
F. A. James, labor and supplies	6.49

George F. King & Merrill, supplies	$62.50
E. L. Kellogg & Co., books	6.25
George F. King & Co., supplies	39.40
Laconia Street Railway, transportation of scholars	300.60
F. W. Ladd, supplies	1.14
Laconia Lumber Works, repairs	4.85
Longmans, Green & Co., books	62 20
Laconia Press Association, printing	33.75
Laconia Water Co., water	48.11
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn, books	64.06
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	6.20
Lee & Shepard, books	5.00
Charles F. Locke, hardware	1.10
Lougee Bros., curtains	3.00
D. K. Marsh & Co., coal	26 20
Theodore Metcalf Co., supplies	25.21
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books	29.86
W. J. Morrison, wood	12.00
F. Carl Merrill, tuning pianos	2.50
J. N. Meader, shingles, labor, etc.	76.37
J. L. Moore & Son, repairs	12.17
Melcher & Prescott Ins. Agency, Ins. premiums	10.00
A. C. Moore, freight and express paid	17.87
Lyman Marsh, labor	4.00
C. S. Mason, repair of plastering	3.25
Novelty Job Print, printing	13.00
New England Tel. & Telephone Co., Tel. service	4.47
John O'Loughlin, labor	2.00
Michael O'Loughlin, labor	55.50
O'Shea Furniture Co., rent of Moulton Opera House	15.00
F. H. Osgood, music	6.90
Philbrook Bros., teaming	7.00
People's Church Society, rent	300.00
Perry, Mason & Co., supplies	1.69
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	37.29
Page & Story, labor, etc.	3.00
Daniel L. Parshley, labor	10.00
W. L. Prescott, insurance premiums	10.00

W. A. Plummer, cash paid E. B. Hayes, and express	$29.54
J. L. Roberts, fuel	477.27
Silver, Burdett & Co., books	101.41
C. E. Swain, wood and labor	27.00
George A. Sanders, labor and supplies	24.76
H. W. Stone, filling diplomas	3.20
H. C. Shaw, whitewashing	15.00
Henry Shepard, labor	25.00
Stone & Hill, repairs	9.00
Taylor & Quimby, Rep. rake	.40
G. W. Tarlson, supplies	1.20
H. H. Tucker, cash paid out	23.34
Thompson, Brown & Co., books	61.25
W. F. Turner, labor	2.45
University Publishing Co., books	28.23
A. W. Wilcox, teaming	1.50
H. L. Wilkinson, services, Feb. 13 to June 18, truant officer	161.22
John H. Wentworth, labor	2.98
Williams & Rogers, supplies	17.26
Werner School Book Co., books	13.84
Winn. Gas & Electric Lighting Co., gas	11.60
" " " "	7.00
Mrs. M. J. Wentworth, rent, water, etc.	160.00
M. C. Wallace, labor	4.00
William Ware & Co., books	2.40
Seldon Wentworth, labor	1.50
Fred A. Young, insurance premiums	100.00
H. F. Hilliard, janitor service	10.00
Bert F. Swain janitor service	5.00
Albert Libby, janitor service	1.00
William McFarland, janitor service	2.00
H. L. Morgan, janitor service	5.00
Seldon J. Wentworth, janitor service	3.50
Bertha M. King, services	7.50
Marguerite E. Tucker, services	15.00
Teachers' pay roll	16,593.37

Janitors' pay roll	$1,035.42
Transfer account, unexpended	.19
	$22,064.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$3,000.00
Received from sales of hose, etc.	24.50
	$3,024.50

Paid as Follows.

Geo. R. Aldrich, labor	$3.60
Andrews & Haddock, blacksmithing	10.25
Frank D. Andrews, services	15.00
Eddie W. Bean, labor	.60
George Brailey, labor	1.25
Fred B. Brown, labor	21.20
H. E. Brawn & Son, repairs	4.85
J. Boulia & Co., lumber	1.76
Chas. G. Braxmar, badges	3.00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on horses	6.75
Cole Mfg. Co., labor and supplies	1.08
Ethan A. Chase, sleigh	35.00
Ira A. Clark, services	6.50
C. D. Corliss, services	2.75
D. L. Davis, wood	3.00
John H. Dow, wood	15.00
B. F. Drake, rent hose house	24.00
Orrin H. Dame, labor and supplies	36.64
E. J. Dinsmore, harness supplies	14.50
Electric Gas Lighting Co., supplies	57.50
First Unitarian Society, use of bell	24.00
W. E. Foster, vitriol	31.61
Bert Gleason, labor	2.70
Highways and bridges account, horses board	132.00
W. D. Huse, labor and supplies	288.64
Thomas Ham, rent land hose house	15.00
W. D. Heath, oil	.25

A. S. Jackson, supplies	$5.25
Nelson Judino, labor, etc.	3.75
Thomas H. Keay, labor	1.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., lighting and supplies,	87.90
Laconia Water Co., water at engine house	8.01
C. F. Locke, supplies	2.39
Laconia Car Co., steam for alarm	250.00
A. V. Locke, lettering coats	3.00
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	2.37
Laconia Lumber Works, fence pick	.60
C. P. Lougee, repairs on fire alarm	3.61
McCarthy Bros., rubber coats	13.40
Chas. S. Mason, labor	3.58
S. D. McGloughlin, blacksmithing	17.75
George Nadeau, labor	9.00
New England Gamewell Co., battery supplies	26.35
William Nelson, expenses purchasing horses	10.57
E. P. Osgood, labor	33.00
Henry J. Odell, rent	25.00
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	1.20
Plummer & Thompson, sponges	1.00
Frank E. Pearson, services	16.66
Byron K. Phillips, services	15.00
J. L. Roberts, fuel	42.00
H. F. Rublee & Son, repairs	4.85
J. M. Sanborn, labor and supplies	9.57
Geo. A. Sanders, supplies	26.86
Wm. W. Saunders, labor	95.00
Standard Time Co., striking signal	25.00
J. B. Sanborn, labor and supplies	11.40
Geo. C. Sanborn, labor	1.25
C. L. Simpson, rubber coats	5.50
W. H. Silver, services	10.00
S. L. Stevens, team to fire	.50
George E. Sanborn, supplies	1.64
G. W. Tarlson, supplies	.85
G. E. Webster, labor	1.75
A. W. Wilcox, paid freight	7.44

Winnepesaukee Gas & Electric Co., gas	$2.80
Frank E. Weeks, services on fire alarm	25.00
J. H. White, labor	3.20
Hoyt H. Winchester, labor	11.00
Welch & Hall, horse	245.00
Moses T. Whittier, services	20.83
J. M. Sanborn, services	25.00
A. W. Wilcox, services	25.00
James E. Scott, services	25.00
Willis E. Floyd, services	12.50
H. H. Wardwell, services	37.50
Geo. A. Sanders, services	41.65
Pay roll--Steamer Co. No. 1	38.32
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	115.00
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2	230 00
Hose Co. No. 1	35.04
Hose Co. No. 2	134.12
Hose Co. No. 3	45.50
Hose Co. No. 4	172.50
Hose Co. No. 5	35.00
Hose Co. No. 6	35.00
Transfer account, unexpended	167.11
	$3,024.50

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$4,300.00

Paid as Follows.

C. S. Abbott, M. D., services	$2.00
J. P. Atkinson & Co., supplies	1.25
J. Boulia & Co., lumber	1.71
Frank A. Bailey, cash paid	9.87
H. E. Brawn & Son, mirror	1.75
Frank G. Beaman, binding books	2.50
Citizens' Telephone Co., extra bell	1.20
D. L. Davis, wood	24.19
George G. Dame, repairing stove	2.75
E. A. Elsam, photographs	2.00

S. A. French, cap and wreath	$3.75
J. W. Follett, map frame	1.25
J. F. Harriman, supplies	19.45
Laconia Electric Light Co., lights	58.90
Orman T. Lougee, helmet	3.50
O. H. Lewis, meals for prisoners	7.55
Laconia Press Association, printing	1.50
D. K. Marsh & Co., team hire	6.00
J. L. Moore & Son, setting glass	1.70
F. J. Moulton, photographs	1.50
George H. Mitchell, supplies	3.50
New England Tel. & Telephone Co., telephone	53.93
Novelty Job Print, printing	25.60
Odd Fellows Building Association, rent	84.00
O'Shea Bros., mattress	2.50
A. D. Plummer, conveying prisoners	.75
George Picard, mileage and meals	30.41
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies	2.82
Plummer & Thompson, supplies	2.95
Philbrook Bros., team hire	9.75
J. L. Roberts, fuel	28.15
George A. Sanders, supplies	14.85
H. K. W. Scott, cash paid	50.37
John Parker Smith, supplies	.56
Standard Time Co., dials	6.15
George W. Tarlson, team hire	2.00
Louis R. Wallis, supplies	1.15
L. B. Woodman, team hire	28.25
H. C. Wells, M. D., services	2.00
Frank O. Wallace, meals for prisoners	18.90
Winnipesaukee Gas & Electric Light Co., gas	1.30
Pay roll	3,755.00
Transfer account, unexpended	20.79
	$4,300.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE.

Appropriations	$1,000.00
Received for permits and pipe	196.28
	$1,196.28

Paid as Follows.

Andrews & Haddock, blacksmithing	$ .40
Dana H. Elliott, teaming	4.00
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	7.43
Laconia Savings Bank, labor	1.80
Laconia Lumber Works, flushing ball	1.50
Laconia Water Co., water used at flush tanks and for flushing sewers to Jan. 1	692.58
S. D. McGloughlin, blacksmithing	.60
George H. Mitchell, supplies	.35
William Nelson, expenses	.87
J. L. Roberts, brick	4.15
George A Sanders, labor	.44
John Parker Smith, cement	4.95
W. M. Stevens, labor	1.25
Pay rolls	321.44
Transfer account, unexpended	154.52
	$1,196.28

CITY ENGINEERING.

Appropriation	$200.00
Received for drawing paper	.87
	$200.87

Paid as Follows.

H. O. Burleigh, postmaster, stamped envelopes	$5.45
Benjamin D. Benson & Son, office supplies	5.66
T. S. Buck, office supplies	6.00
Crosby Steam Gauge and Valve Co., repairs	1.00
W. D. Heath, clock	5.50
W. D. Huse, repairing tape and labor	1.50

Herbert A. Jones, searching Gilford records . . .	$2.75
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	2.00
Laconia Lumber Works, stakes	2.00
Laconia Press Association, printing	1.00
William Nelson, expenses	.25
E. G. Soltmann, supplies	2.05
Winn. Gas and Electric Co., gas heater and gas . .	9.10
Pay rolls	75.45
Transfer account, unexpended	81.16
	$200.87

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation	$800.00
Received from County of Belknap	107.00
Transfer account, deficiency	369.64
	$1,276.64

Paid as Follows.

Joseph P. Barnum, board H. Lovett	$26.00
City Market aid to Jos. Roucher	59.46
" " " Jos. Chabot	44.53
" " " H. Lovett	1.00
" " " Octave Guay	68.17
" " " Martin Morrissey	9.07
" " " Mrs. J. Judkins	1.00
" " " Elie Brulotte	7.97
County of Belknap aid to Mrs. Thos. A. Severe . .	7.00
Carey & Randlett aid to Peter Jacques	12.27
" " " Cyrille Fecteau	22.33
" " " Jos. Roucher	35.02
" " " Adolphe Mercier	19.19
" " " Mrs. J. O. Dutrizac . .	26.73
" " " Thos. A. Severe	17.87
" " " Mrs. A. Langevin	7.41
" " " John Pickering	7.14
" " " William Cross	9.30

Carey & Randlett, aid to Joseph Chabot	$4.59
" " " H. Lovett	.25
D. L. Davis, aid to F. S. Smith	3.50
" " " Jos. Roucher	3.00
Mrs. Alanson Dolloff, board Mrs. J. Judkins	23.50
D. H. Elliott, aid to Mrs. J. O. Dutrizac	2.25
W. E. Foster, aid to Mrs. J. Judkins	8.55
" " " Jos. Chabot	1.90
Knight & Huntress, aid to G. L Taylor	4 16
Laconia Water Co., aid to Jos. Chabot	3.00
Geo. F. Mallard, aid to Jos. Chabot	2.60
McCarthy Bros., aid to Mrs. J. Judkins	1.00
New Hampshire Asylum for insane, board of Mrs. Bridget Killourhy	217.56
New Hampshire Asylum for insane, board of Wm. T. Black	168.43
New Hampshire Orphans Home, board of G. L. Taylor	3.50
L. S. Perley, aid to Thos. A. Severe	16.76
Perkins & Titus, aid to Mrs. J. Judkins . . .	3.20
" " " H. Lovett	1.20
Plummer & Thompson, aid to Jos. Chabot	2.00
" " " F. S. Smith	1.95
" " " H. D. Barrett	10.20
Dr. J. G. Quimby, aid to Mrs. J. Judkins	12.40
" " " Jos. Chabot	11.50
" " " H. Lovett	4.90
" " " Jos. Roucher	6 45
" " " H. D. Barrett	5.35
C. D. Robie & Co., aid to Mrs. Wm. Campbell . .	1.56
" " " " Joseph Roucher	8.50
" " " " Thos. A. Severe	9.00
J. L. Roberts, aid to Mrs. A. Langevin	7.26
" " " Jos. Chabot	1.50
" " " Martin Morrissey	10.50
Mrs. Rosa Ruddy, board H. D. Barrett	36.00
J. H. Story, aid to H. Lovett	4.35

Wm. J. Severance, board of Mary A. Severance . .	$80.00
Tucker & Clark, aid to F. S. Smith	6.98
" " paid town clerk of Gilford for records	1.00
W. W. Titus, board to G. L. Taylor	6.00
Eunice Varrell, aid to Mrs. J. O. Dutrizac	10.25
Mrs. M. J. Wentworth, board of H. Lovett	75.14
C. H. Watson, aid to Octave Guay	13.50
Lyman Woodman, board Mrs. J. Judkins and child .	80.00
Items appearing in aid to dependent soldiers account	19.90
	$1,276.64

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$100.00

Paid as Follows.

L. M. Gould, printing	$1.75
George F. Mallard, supplies	6.47
Plummer & Thompson, disinfections	2.35
Transfer account, unexpended	89.43
	$100.00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Appropriation	$2,250.00

Paid as Follows.

The Weirs Camp Meeting Association	$240.00
Laconia Water Co.	1,025.00
Transfer account, unexpended	985.00
	$2,250.00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation	$8,000.00
Transfer account, deficiency	57.62
	$8,057.62

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

H. E. Brawn & Son, supplies	$1.05
George W. Brailey, care oil lamps, Ward 1	36.90
George F. Dame, lamp frames	15.00
Laconia Electric Light Co.	7,751.65
Laconia Lumber Works, labor and glass	1.70
C. F. Locke, labor and glass	1.92
George A. Sanders, labor and supplies	1.43
George E. Sanborn, supplies	5.81
G. W. Tarlson, supplies	9.96
H. A. Webster, lighting oil lamps	222.20
	$8,057.62

CITY CLOCKS.

Appropriation	$200.00

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

E. C. Covell, care of clock, North church	$40.00
W. D. Heath, care of clock, Park Street church	50.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., lighting clock	96.00
Plummer & Thompson, electric lamps	8.50
Transfer account, unexpended	5.50
	$200.00

SALARIES.

Appropriation	$5,917.00
Transfer account, deficiency	261.68
	$6,178.68

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

Charles E. Buzzell, street commissioner	$125.00
Charles F. Brown, overseer poor	50.00
Board of assessors	700.00
Board of health	233.33
Board of education	90.00
Edwin A. Badger, supervisor Nov. 1896	18.00

Hezekiah Bickford, fish and game warden	$12.50
Charles P. Clement, " "	12.50
Charles H. Corliss, " "	12.50
Geo. E. Chase, city messenger	100.00
Arthur W. Dinsmoor, city treasurer	150.00
George H. Everett, police justice	339.00
S. C. Frye, city clerk	600.00
Frank L. Gilman, tax collector	406.52
S. S. Jewett, city solicitor, Dec. 3, 1896, May 3, 1897	275.00
William Nelson, city engineer	37.50
" Supt. of sewers	87.45
" city Eng., Supt. of sewers & St. Com.	1,137.46
Martin B. Plummer, clerk of police court	134.17
C. L. Pulsifer, mayor	150.00
Dr. J. G. Quimby, city physician	25.00
H. K. W. Scott, city marshal	800.00
William W. Saunders, Supt. fire alarm telegraph . .	50.00
S. B. Smith, mayor	150.00
Supervisors—C. W. Baldwin, chairman	32.00
Frank L. Cawley, Ward 1	17.00
J. P. Morin, Ward 2	32.00
J. F. Sleeper, Ward 3	9.00
Charles L. Kimball, Ward 4	24.00
T. B. Weeks, Ward 5	32.00
George W. Cole, Ward 6	12.00
O. F. Griffin, Ward 6	26.00
Selectmen—Charles E. McCartney, Ward 1 . . .	5.00
Charles F. Richards, Ward 2	5.00
Charles W. Baldwin, Ward 3	5.00
Albert T. Quinby, Ward 4	5.00
Joseph L. Robinson, Ward 5	5.00
Libbeus E. Hayward, Ward 6	5.00
Harry H. Wardwell, Supt. fire alarm telegraph . .	18.75
H. C. Wells, city physician	50.00
Fred A. Young, tax collector	200.00
	$6,178.68

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation $2,500.00

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

S. S. Ayer, use of team	$5.00
Chas. M. Avery, damages Oct. 18, 1897	20.00
George W. Brailey, labor	2.25
F. H. Batchelder, labor and lumber	2.66
H. O. Burleigh, acting post master, stamped envelopes	11.26
Benj. D. Benson & Son, supplies	4.80
J. H. Bledsoe, gas light supplies	.50
F. M. Beckford, damage to sleigh	4.50
The Carter's Ink Co., supplies	1.80
A. A. Campbell, labor	1.50
Geo. E. Chase, expenses	1.09
Fred H. Coffin, printing	36.50
G. Cook & Son, wood	8.10
Geo. H. Everett, rent of office 1893-4 and costs of court	117.46
Edson C. Eastman, tax collector books	11.05
S. C. Frye, supplies	19.47
S. C. Frye, Comp. vital statistics	84.70
J. B. Fitspatrick, services	147.50
French & Farwell, meals at ward rooms	10.50
J. W. Follettt, frame and glass	2.00
L. M. Gould, printing	3.50
Frank L. Gilman, post master, stamped envelopes	21.80
W. D. Heath, clock	5.50
J. F. Harriman, supplies	3.40
A. J. Hart & Son, team hire	4.50
W. D. Huse, repairs	.75
John Horn, flooring cellar Dec. 20, 1895	16.40
S. S. Jewett, expense Lake Co. cases	36.62
Herbert A. Jones, records Lake Co. cases	2.50
Geo. E. Knowlton, use of team	1.00
Laconia Electric Lighting Co., lighting offices	20.90
Laconia Water Co., water at fountains and troughs,	50.00

Laconia Press Association, printing city reports . .	$280.32
Laconia Press Association, printing, ...	22.25
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	2.73
Laconia Street Railway, barge hire	10.00
J. N. Letourneau, M. D., attendance P. H. Trainor,	5.25
D. K. Marsh & Co., use of team	2.50
E. B. McLosky, team hire	12.00
J. F. Merrill, cash paid for carting	.65
J. L. Moore, cash paid interpreter	1.70
Masonic Temple Association rent of offlces	550.00
Matthews-Northrup & Co , maps	1.52
Geo. H. Mitchell, duster	.50
New England Telegraph & Telephone Co., telephone service	26.53
Willian Nelson, expenses to Springfield	10.29
Dennis O'Shea, rent of ward room	10.00
Thomas O'Shea, rent of ward room	6.00
Odd Fellows Building Association, rent of hall . .	50.00
Philbrook Bros., use of team	5.25
Martin B. Plummer, copying records	19.20
Plummer & Thompson, vaccine points, etc.	12.70
Page & Story, oiling floors	2.75
C. L. Pulsifer, expenses mayor and street commissioner to East Saugus	10.00
Dr. J. G. Quimby, supplies, etc., P. H. Trainor . .	4.25
Salvation Army, rent of hall	5.00
J. R. Smith, use watering trough	3.00
Geo. A. Sanders, use of team	3.75
Frank L. Sanders, books and binding	67.80
E. Tetley, paper, etc.	.50
Peter H. Trainor, paid for medicines	2.50
G. W. Tarlson, use of team	.50
Union Publishing Co., directories	9.00
Weeks Bros., printing	48.52
Geo. I. Weeks, Del. notice	2.00
Winnipesaukee Gas and Electric Lighting Co., E. Tetler, assignee, gas	.50
Fred A. Young insurance premiums	5.00

Ward Clerks—Willis G. Watson, copy of record Ward 1	$1.00
Harley W. Carey, copy of record Ward 2 . .	1.00
William S. Wallace, " " 3 . .	1.00
Almon L. Sanborn, " " 4 . .	1.00
Howard E. Wells, " " 5 . .	1.00
Chas. H. Dow, " " 6 . .	2.00
Rev. Woodman Bradbury, return of marriages . .	.25
Rev. C. Y. DeNormandie, " " . .	.25
Rev. J. A. Bowler, " " . .	.25
Rev. D. C. Easton, " " . .	.75
Rev. C. E. Eaton, " " . .	.50
Rev. Justus Erskine, " " . .	.25
Rev. J. E. Everingham, " " . .	.25
Rev. G. W. Farmer, " " . .	.25
Rev. W. H. Getchell, " " . .	2.75
Rev. Geo. P. Gilman, " " . .	.25
Rev. G. W. Gould. " " . .	.25
Rev. J. B. Jordan, " " . .	.50
Rev. Lewis Malvern, " " . .	1.25
Rev. Patrick J. McCovey, " " . .	.50
Rev. J. Monge, " " . .	2.50
Rev. G. Heber Rice, " " . .	.50
Rev. C. C. Sampson, " " . .	.25
Rev. Joel B. Slocum, " " . .	.75
Rev. A. L. Smith, " " . .	.75
Rev. Chas. A. G. Thurston, " " . .	.75
Rev. William Warren, " " . .	.25
Rev. Lucius Waterman, " " . .	.25
Rev. G. O. Wiggin, " " . .	.25
Rev. E. R. Wilkins, " " . .	.25
A. Stanton Owen, J. P., " " . .	25
T. W. Thompson, J. P., " " . .	.25
S. C. Frye, J. P., " " . .	.25
S. C. Frye, obtaining record of birth	.25
Mrs. Marie Johnson, return of births	1.75
G. H. Saltmarsh, M. D., return of births and deaths,	5.25
A. W. Abbott, " "	3.00

C. S. Abbott, M. D.,	return of births	and deaths,	$3.75
J. E. Dazois,	"	"	1.50
T. S. Foster,	"	"	.50
G. W. Gale,	"	"	.25
F. L. Gerald,	"	"	.25
O. W. Goss,	"	"	5.75
A. H. Harriman,	"	"	7.00
E. P. Hodgdon,	"	"	5.25
J. N. Letourneau,	"	"	9.75
J. Monge,	"	"	1.75
Mary Nutting,	"	"	.75
J. G. Quimby,	"	"	6.00
W. H. True,	"	"	4.00
Stephen Vittum,	"	"	.50
H. C. Wells,	"	"	5.00
P. H. Wheeler,	"	"	.25
R. W. Wiley,	"	"	6.75
M. G. Wiley,	"	"	.50
J. A. Wrisley,	"	"	2.25
Transfer account, unexpended			551.53
			$2,500.00

NEW STREETS, EXTENSIONS AND GRADING.

Transfer account, no appropriation $1,348.34

Paid as Follows.

Expended on	Gilbert street	$78.73
"	Jackson street	184.57
"	Walker street	120.21
"	Beech street	40.45
"	Winnicooash street	35.48
"	Brook court	18.48
"	Grant street	62.50
"	Gilford avenue	807.92
		$1,348.34

CONCRETING.

Appropriation	$950.00

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

L. M. Pike, bridges	$346.97
" sidewalks and crossing	515.03
Transfer account	88.00
	$950.00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	$200.00

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

Darius Drake, Post, 36, G. A. R.	$85.00
John L. Perley, jr., Post, 37, G. A. R.	115.00
	$200.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	$700.00
Received from fines and sales	66.26
	$766.26

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

F. J. Barnard & Co., books	$60.37
Julia S. Busiel, services	93.75
" supplies and expenses	34.12
F. G. Beaman, binding books	30.45
Olin S. Davis, services	150.00
" expenses and supplies	2.95
" books	49.60
R. S. Foss, labor and supplies	4.25
W. F. Knight, treasurer	100.47
Laconia Press Association, supplies	45.25
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., supplies	38.25
Laconia National bank, rent	100.00
Melcher & Prescott, insurance	42.70
Winnipesaukee Gas & Electric Co., gas	10 60
Weeks Bros , printing	3.50
	$766.26

PARKS.

Appropriation	$100.00

Paid as Follows.

A. G. Folsom, rent	$100.00

INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES.

Appropriation	$9,500.00

Paid as Follows.

Interest town of Laconia bonds	$2,600.00
" city sewerage and funding bonds	4,560.00
" " funding bonds	1,080.00
" on notes	747.91
Transfer account, unexpended	512.09
	$9,500.00

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

Received for license	$726 85
" of Albert Colby, expenses returned	1.00
	$727.85

Paid as Follows.

Albert Colby, services and use of team	$30.00
" " expenses to Franklin	1.00
Transfer account	696.85
	$727.85

LAND DAMAGE ACCOUNT.

Transfer account, no appropriation	$505.14

Paid as Follows.

Morrill Ames, damage to trees, etc., cash	$10.00
" " " " paid for curbing steps, labor account	333.66
Heirs of Isaac Jewett, cost of fence and railing	113.48
Jonas Sleeper, laying out and grading Sleeper street, 1892	38.00
Martin Murray, attorney fees in suit against the city	10.00
	$505.14

POLICE COURT.

Receipts, criminal cases	$1,391.11
" civil "	20.00
	$1,411.11

Paid as Follows.

Frank G. Beaman, record books	$23.15
County of Belknap, board of prisoners	167.68
Laconia Press Association, printing	3.00
J. L. Moore & Son, screens	3.30
" " labor, etc	2.10
George F. Mallard, rent	150.00
Novelty Job Print	3.00
State Industrial school, board, Willie Shastaney	4.50
" " Arthur G. Merrill	43.50
" " Henry J. Bolduc	43.93
" " Paul C. Morin	43.93
" " Fred J. Long	35.14
" " Rita L. Busiel	6.00
M. A. Swift's Sons, paper	4.00
T. W. Thompson, services as associate police justice	60.00
Winnipesaukee Gas & Electric Light Co., gas	10.15
Transfer account, unexpended	807.73
	$1,411.11

LICENSES.

Received for billiard and pool table licenses	$86.00
" hawkers and peddlers "	26.00
" showmen "	75.00
	$187.00

Paid as Follows.

Transfer account	$187.00

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS, ETC.

Appropriation	$200.00

Paid as Follows.

Carey & Randlett, aid to S. Stevens	$7.53
" " L. C. Cheney	15.95
D. L. Davis, aid to Edwin Peaslee	3.60
J. R. Leavitt, aid to Edwin Peaslee	8.93
Est. J. C. Moulton, aid to P. H. Rowen	6.00
A. W. Pitman, aid to M. Folsom	3.10
Plummer & Thompson, aid to H. Piper	.50
" " " N. Folsom	.95
Dr. J. G. Quimby, aid to H. Piper	8.15
" " N. Folsom	10.40
J. L. Roberts, aid to L. C. Cheney	3.63
C. D. Robie & Co, aid to L. C. Cheney	3.00
G. W. Tarlson, aid to N. Folsom	10.23
Tucker & Clark " "	1.83
E. D. Ward, aid to N. Folsom	10.00
Mrs. M. York, labor at N. Folsom	20.00
Transfer account, unexpended	106.10
	$219.90
Less items erroneously charged to support of poor account	19.90
	$200.00

NOTES.

Owing on notes, Feb. 15, 1897	$20,750.00
Received on notes during the year	65,800.00
	$85,550.00
Paid notes	$67,000.00
Owing on notes Feb. 15, 1898	18,550.00
	$85,550.00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Received of Geo. D. Merrill, board of Arthur G. Merrill at State Industrial school, to Jan. 1, 1897 . .	$97.50
Received of C M. Avery, rent of Moulton house . .	275.00
" E. A. Goodell, rent of Moulton house .	25.00
	$397.50
Transfer account	397.50

WARD SIX COUPON NOTES.

Appropriation	$1,000.00
Paid notes 5 and 6	$1,000.00

INTEREST ON WARD SIX COUPON NOTES.

Appropriation	$446.25
Paid coupons due in 1897	446.25

CITY OF LACONIA FUNDING BONDS.

Appropriation	$2,000.00
Paid Nos, 3 & 4	2,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES.

Appropriation for soldiers' monument, 1884 . . .	$2,000.00
" repairing canal covering	800.00
Due Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilcox, land damage . .	8.00
C. & M. R. R., land damage, Appleton rtreet .	1.00
M. C. Wallace, land damage, North street . .	1.00
John I. Folsom, land damage, Mechanic street .	1.00
John T. Glazebrook, land damage, Mechanic St.	1.00
Emma F. Wilmot, land damage, Mechanic street	1.00
G. L. Wallace, land damage, Mechanic street .	1.00
J. N. Davis, land damage, Center street . . .	1.00
O. L. & A. J. Gilman, land damage, Gilford avenue	1.00
Freeman Burns, land damage, Gilford avenue .	1.00
E. A. Page, award est. grade, Main street . . .	1.00

Due Josie E. Sanborn, award est. grade, Main street	$1.00
Augusta A. James, award est. grade, Main street	1.00
O. L. Sanborn, award est. grade, Main street .	1.00
A. G. Cook, award est. grade, Main street . .	1.00
Isaac Morrill, award est. grade, Main street . .	21.66
J. F. Frye, award est. grade, Main street . . .	50.00
Est. E. K. Leavitt, award est. grade, Main street	516.66
Mary C. Wilkinson, award est. grade, Main street	83.33
Coupon, town bond, unpaid	20.00
Coupons, sewerage and funding bonds, unpaid . .	120.00
	$3,633.65

WARD SIX.

Costs of Gilford tax suits	$99.58
Transfer account	99.58

WARDS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE.

Paid note of school district No. 2 to L. G. Morgan, dated Sept. 18, 1891	$200.00
Paid interest on same	59.56
	$259.56
Transfer account	259.56

PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES TO THE CITY OF LACONIA.

Taxes paid F. L. Gilman, coll., on P. Putnam estate	$160.86
Received of D. B. Story, assignee	160.86

TRANSFER ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Appropriations	$101,673.68
Highways and bridges	1,360.36
Support of poor	369.64
Street lightning	57.62
Salaries	261.68
New streets, extensions and grading	1,348.34
Land damage	595.14
Taxes 1895, abatements	7.88
" 1896, " F. L. G.	775.32
" " " F. A. Y.	72.24
" 1897, "	416.53
Miscellaneous liabilities (increase)	816.65
Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, L. G. Morgan note and interest	259.56
Ward 6, costs Gilford tax suits	99.58
	$108,024.22

Cr.

State of New Hampshire	12,682.57
School department	.19
Fire "	167.11
Police "	20.79
Sewer maintenance	154.52
City engineering	81.16
Health department	89.43
Hydrant service	9.85
City clocks	5.50
Miscellaneous expenses	551.53
Concreting	88.00
Interest on bonds and notes	522.09
Dog licenses	696.85
Police court	807.73
Licenses	187.00
Aid to dependent soldiers, etc.	106.10
Taxes 1895, interest collected	1.90

Taxes 1896, abatements, F. L. G.	$589.14
" " " F. A. Y.	2.54
" " added F. L. G.	11.36
" " " F. A. Y.	14.00
" 1897, lists com. F. A. Y. collected	88,406.56
" " added	108.56
" " interest collected	86.05
Miscellaneous receipts	397.50
Balance, deficit for 1897	1,271.04
	$108,024.22

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cash on hand	$2,509.76
Gilford tax lists, balance	2,348.87
Taxes 1892	93.51
" 1896	76.28
" 1897	15,282.37
Balance, indebtedness	221,872.86
	$242,183.65

Cr.

Notes	$18,550.00
Ward six coupon notes	12,000.00
Town of Laconia bonds	65,000.00
Sewerage and funding bonds	117,000.00
Funding bonds	26,000.00
Miscellaneous liabilities	3,633.65
	$242,183.65

Indebtedness Feb. 15, 1897	$223,601.82
" " 1898	221,872.58
	$1,728.96

Paid on bonds	$3,000.00
Reduction of indebtedness	1,728,96
Deficit for 1897	$1,271.04

FINANCIAL CONDITION, FEB. 15, 1898.

Funded Debt.

Town of Laconia sewerage bonds, 4 per cent . . .	$65,000.00
City of Laconia sewerage and funding bonds, 4 per cent	117,000.00
City of Laconia funding bonds, 4 per cent . .	26,000 00
Ward Six coupon notes, 3½ per cent	12,000.00
	$220,000.00

Floating Debt.

Notes outstanding	$18,550.00	
Miscellaneous liabilities (see acct.) . .	3,633.65	
		22,183.65
Total indebtedness		$242,183.65

Resources.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898 .	$2,509.76	
Due on Gilford tax lists	2,348.87	
Laconia tax list, 1892	93.51	
Tax list, 1896	76.28	
Tax list, 1897	15,282.37	
		20,310.79
Net debt, Feb. 15, 1898		$221,872.86

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY OF THE CITY.

Library lot	$15,000.00
High school building and furniture	30,000.00
Bowman street school building and lot	12,000.00
Harvard " " "	12,000.00
Gilford avenue " " "	9,000.00
Mechanic street school building and lot	9,000.00
Washington " " "	25,000.00
School " " "	1,000.00
Pear " " "	1,000.00

Furniture in leased school rooms		$500.00
Street Dept. as itemized in report Supt. of streets,		11,143.94
Fire Dept., as itemized in chief engineer's report	$20,400.00	
Miscellaneous	1,672.40	
Public reservoirs and cost of construction	3,566.03	
		25,638.43
Cost of sewers		117,149 72
Furniture, safes and books, mayor and city clerk's office		1,081.00
Furniture and implements city engineer's office .		210.00
" " sewer department . .		269.55
Safe and furniture in assessor's office		65.00
Furniture in council room		162.00
Furniture and safe, police department		500.36
		$248,220.00

TRUST FUNDS.

Agreeably to the provisions of chapter 40, section 5 of the Public Statutes, and of a resolution passed by the city council Feb. 12, 1894, the following funds have been placed in the care of the city in trust, the income to be applied to the care of cemetery lots. The city is prepared to receive any similar trusts, which will be invested in good reliable securieties.

Adelia G. Maxfield Trust Fund.

(Income to be applied to care of Lot No. 67, Hillside cemetery.)

Dec. 5, 1895, deposit Lake Village savings bank .		$100.00
Income to Jan. 1, 1897	$3.01	
Dividend Jan. 1, 1898	1.01	
		4.02
Expended in care of lot		2.00
		2.02

George L. Boynton Trust Fund.

(Income to be applied to care of lots Nos. 9 and 10, section 5, Bayside cemetery.)

Mar. 26, 1896, deposit Lake Village savings bank,		$50.00
Income to Jan. 1, 1897	$1.06	
Jan. 1, 1898, dividend	.50	
		1.56
Expended in care of lot		1.00
		.50

TABLES OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages Registered in the City of Laconia for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age of Each.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation	Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married.
Jan. 3	Laconia	Edward Eddie Létourneau	Laconia	21	All White.	Clerk	Biddef'd, Me.	Camille Léto'rneau	St. Dominique, P.Q	Machinist	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
								Sophranie Demers	Canada	Housewife		
		Georgiana Marie Morin	"	20		"	Laconia	Joseph Morin	Ham Nord, P. Q.	Laborer	1st	
								M'rguerite Paradis	Ham Nord, P. Q.	Housewife		
6	"	Willis Guy Watson	"	23		Farmer	"	John Watson	Meredith	Farmer	1st	Rev. Woodman Bradbury, Laconia.
								Elizab'h H. Cliffo'd	Gilford	Housewife		
		Nettie Webster	"	20		At home	"	Jacob G. Webster	Sandwich	Farmer	1st	
								Eliza J. Smith	Newmarket	Housewife		
7	"	Charles Eugene Cross	Piermont	22		Teamster	Piermont	Eugene M. Cross	Piermont	Farmer	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
								Anna M. Howland	Piermont	Housewife		
		Marie Victoria Johnson	Lacouia	17		At home	Quebec, P. Q.	Joseph Johnson	Quebec. P. Q.	Laborer	1st	
								Marie Mahais	Petite Matane, P.Q.	Housewife		
9	Portsm't h.	Charles William Perkins	"	23		Blacksmith	Laconia	George S, Perkins	Center Harbor	Painter	1st	Rev. Wm. Warren, Laconia.
								Hannah Sheehan	Cork. Ireland	Housewife		
		Ruby Josephine Price	"	23		Teacher	Belmont	Joseph H. Price	Gilmanton	Carpenter	1st	
								Fanny Carter	Andover	Housewife		
12	Laconia	Charles Warren Leavitt	"	56		Farmer	Gilford	Taylor Leavitt	Gilford	Farmer	3d	Rev. Lewis Malvern, Laconia.
								Maria Roberts	"	Housewife		
		Eliza Lilley	"	47		Housekeeper	Leicester, E'g	George H. Spencer	Hinckley, England	Knitter	2d	
								Elizabeth Iliffe	" "	Housewife		
16	"	Charles D. Thompson	Boston, Mass	56		Carpenter	Waterloo, PQ	Joseph Thompson	Scotland	Carpenter	2d	Simeon C. Frye, J. P., Laconia.
								Mary J. Reynolds	Stukely, P. Q.	Housewife		
		Alberta Orrivill Lougee	Laconia	40		Housekeeper	Ossipee	Dan'l W. Emerson	Ossipee	Farmer	2d	
								Mary Ann Hussey	Sanford. Me.	Housewife		
22	Holdernes s	Harvey Stephen Worthen	"	27		Carpenter	Holderness	Steph'n M. Worth'n	Holderness	Mill owner	1st	Rev. John A. Bowler, Plymouth.
								Julia A. Smith	New Hampton	Housewife		
		Dora Coffin Ames	Holderness	22		Teacher	"	Caleb M Ames	New Hampton	Mill owner	1st	
								Sarah J. Burleigh	Sanbornton	Housewife		
Feb. 2	Concord	David Green	Laconia	27		Farmer	Winchcomb, England	David Green	Winchcombe, Eng.	Stone cutt'r	1st	Rev. D. C. Easton, Laconia.
								Elizabeth Caudle	Cheltenham, Eng	Housewife		
		Ella May Mudgett	N. Hampton	22		At home	New Hampt'n	Albert M. Mudgett	New Hampton	Farmer	1st	
								Julia A. Griffin	Lee	Housewife		

10	Laconia	George Burnham Cox	Laconia	36	Att'y-at-law	Holderness	Benj. F. Cox	Holderness	Farmer	1st	Rev. Lewis Malvern, Laconia.
							Ann F. Currier	Plymouth	Housek'p'r		
		Nellie Mattie Hoyt	"	36	Housekeeper	Gilford	Charles P. Stevens	Gilmanton	Hotel k'p'r	2d	
							Betsey E. Howe	New Hampton	Housek'p'r		
23	"	George Ira Berry	"	37	Laundryman	Rochester	John Berry	Strafford	Carpenter	2d	Rev. Geo. W. Farmer, Laconia.
							Caroline Trask	Beverley, Mass	Housewife		
		Fannie Jane Moore	"	33	Mill ope'tive	Littleton	Geo. W. Williams	Littleton	Farmer	2d	
							Sophr'nia A. Park'r		Housewife		
25	"	Albert Whittier Stone	"	29	Overseer	Lowell, Mass	Abel H. Stone	Saco, Me	Machinist	1st	Rev. C. A. G. Thurston, Laconia.
							Emily M. Coburn	Dracut, Mass	Housek'p'r		
		Alice Gertrude Burnham	"	23	At home	Gilford	Sam'l P. urnham	West Rumney	Molder	1st	
							Emma A. Fullert'n	Center Harbor	Housewife		
Mar. 16	"	Herbert Otis Burleigh	"	36	As. postm's'r	Laconia	David O. Burleigh	Sandwich	Watchman	1st	Rev. Geo. Heber Rice, Laconia.
							Almira B. Perkins	Loudon	Housewife		
		Lena Belle Farrar	"	23	Clerk	Belmont	Charles W. Farrar	Gilmanton	Farmer	1st	
							Nettie S. Seavey	Tamworth	Housewife		
25	"	George Henry Busiel	"	29	Steam fitter.	Meredith	Dana E. Busiel	Bedford	Laborer	1st	Rev. Lewis Malvern, Laconia.
							Sarah A Peabody	Lowell, Mass	Housewife		
		Flora Elizabeth Irwin	"	33	Housekeeper	No. Haverhill	Archibald Irwin	Richmond, P. Q.	Shoem ker	1st	
							Mary E. Hoyt	" "	Housewife		
April 7	"	Thomas Halbert	Richm'd, P.Q	21	Machinist	India	Henry Halbert	Birmingham, Eng	Laborer	1st	Rev. Lucius Waterman, Laconia.
							Alice Ann Craven	Boston, England	Housewife		
		Mary Agnes Wright	"	29	Housekeeper	Scotland	Neil Clark	Newcastle, Eng.	Slater	2d	
							Ellen Bradley	Glasgow, Scotland	Housewife		
14	"	Henry Charland	Laconia	57	Laborer	Prov. Quebec	Augustus Charland	Quebec, P. Q	Farmer	2d	Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
							Caliste Tremblay	Canada	Housewife		
		Maria Mary Wilkinson	"	49	Housekeeper	Meredith	James Bartlett	Center Harbor	Farmer	2d	
							Elizabeth Davis	" "	Housek'p'r		
18	"	Alphonse F. Fournier	"	31	Baker	Prov. Quebec	Servule Fournier	St Jean Port J., P.Q.	Farmer	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
							Elmire Morin	St. Michel, P. Q.	Housek'p'r		
		Leda Nadeau	"	29	Mill ope'tive	"	Joseph Nadeau	Rivier-du-loup, PQ	Laborer	1st	
							Eliza Michaud	"	Housewife		
May 3	"	Joseph Monge-Mourgues	"	30	Physician	Langogne, France	E. M'nge-Mo'rgues	Langogne, France	Baker	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
							Philomene Puech	St. Albans, "	Housewife		
		Marie C. Albia Boulay	"	44	Housekeeper	Acton Vale, P. Q.	Narcisse Boulay	St. Pie, P. Q	Teacher	1st	
							Edwidge Laviolette		Housewife		
10	"	Harry Haze McMurphy	"	20	Molder	Littleton	Henry McMurphy	Derry	Dis. soldier	1st	Rev. Albert L. Smith Laconia.
							Janet Sherman	Lisbon	Housewife		
		Mary Alice Davidson	Invern'ss, PQ	20	Maid	Inverness, P. Q.	Thomas Davidson	Inverness, P. Q	Farmer	1st	
							Margaret Wright	" "	Housewife		
11	"	George Andrew Quimby	Laconia	22	Clerk	Boscawen	Andrew E. Quimby	Hill	Grocer	1st	Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
							Alice N. Page	Thornton	Housewife		
		Edna May Buzzell	Meredith	18	Needle mak'r	Gilford	Ebenez'r N. Buzzell	Sandwich	Farmer	1st	
							B. Jennie Dolloff	Meredith	Housewife		

All White.

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May 27	Laconia	Charles Godfrey Neilson	Laconia	25	All White.	Plumber	Sweden	Nils Neilson	Vestervik, Sweden	Carpenter	1st	Rev. Patrick J. McCooey, Laconia.
								Josephine Anders'n	" "	Housewife		
		Marie Elmire Sauvageau	"	17		Mill ope'tive	Quebec, P.Q.	Chas. C. Sauvageau	Toronto, Ont	Printer	1st	
								Elmire Savard	Gros Matane P.Q.	Mill op'tive		
31	"	Gerard Michael Whelan	"	20		Painter	" "	Michael J. Whelan	Tipperary, Ireland	Painter	1st	Rev. Patrick J. McCooey, Laconia.
								Ju'ia Fortune	Sillery, P. Q.	Housewife		
		Lizzie Adeline Rollins	"	20		Housemaid	Gilmanton	Alonzo Rollins	Alton	Shoemaker	1st	
								Ellen Page	Gilmanton	Housewife		
June 1	"	Frank Wheeler Bruce	"	42		Steam fitter	Lempster	Timothy W. Bruce	Lempster	Carpenter	2d	Rev. W. H. Getchell Laconia.
								Sarah E. Jennings	Marlow	Housewife		
		Mianda Abby Ladd	"	38		Housekeeper	Holderness	Frank B. Mudgett	Holderness	Farmer	2d	
								Ru'm'r D. Hansc'm	"	Housewife		
2	"	Timothy Steele Foster	"	69		Physician	Lisbon, Me	Timothy Foster	Topsham, Me.	Carpenter	2d	Rev. Lewis Malvern, Laconia.
								Esther Haley	" "	Housewife		
		Addie Martha Rich	Boston, Mass	34		Housekeeper	Gilmanton	Ira E. Page	Gilmanton	Farmer	2d	
								Emily Leighton	"	Housewife		
10	"	Clarence Alberto Clark	Laconia	51		Printer	Holderness	Squire Clark	Sanbornton	Carpenter	1st	Rev. Joel B. Slocum, Laconia,
								Arabella Plaisted	Holderness	Housewife		
		Emma Jane Neal	"	33		Stenographer	Meredith	John M. Neal	Meredith	Farmer	2d	
								Jane Wadleigh	"	Housewife		
12	"	Pierre Arthur Bilodeau	"	19		Mill ope'tive	Windsor, P Q	Pierre Bilodeau		Laborer	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
								Rozelia Landry		Housewife		
		Delia Fortier	"	19		" "	St. Pierre, PQ	Pierre Fortier	St. Elzear, P. Q.	Laborer	1st	
								Mathilde Hébert	Ste. Marie, P. Q.	Housewife		
16	"	Arthur Buckley Broadhead	Goffs Falls	29		" "	Gomersal, Eng.	Joseph Broadhead	Yorkshire, Eng.	Spinner	1st	Rev. C. E. Eaton. Laconia.
								Hannah Buckley	" "	Housewife		
		Charlotte Dorothy Moore	Leeds, P. Q.	24		At home	Leeds, P. Q.	James Moore	Leeds, P. Q.	Farmer	1st	
								Margaret Jameson	" "	Housewife		
16	"	Carl Robert Kendall	Laconia	25		Clerk	Sheffield, Vt.	Fred'k F Kendall	Lyndon, Vt.	Sealer	1st	Rev. A. L. Smith. Laconia.
								Louisa J. Bagby	Cincinnati, O.	Housek'p'r		
		Grace Darling Rollins	Sanbornton	19		Domestic	Sanbornton	Geo. C. F. Rollins	Sanbornton	Farmer	1st	
								Lydia A. Gilman	"	Housewife		

	19	"	Lewis Elmer Dearborn	Laconia	28	Carpenter	Thornton	Chas. W. Dearborn	Thornton	Farmer	2d	Rev. J. E. Everingham, Laconia.
			Cora Idelle Blood	"	26	Housekeeper	Bangor, Me.	Mary Rexford	Ayers Flat, P. Q.	Housewife		
								Frank White	Bedford	Farmer	2d	
								Helen Wentworth	Harr man, Me.	Housewife		
	30	"	Myron Lemuel Chandler	Barre, Vt.	33	Physician	Berlin, Vt.	Lemuel Chandler	Berlin, Vt.	Farmer	1st	Rev. Joel B. Slocum, Laconia.
								Lucretia E Crossett	Essex, Vt	Housewife		
			Alice Mary Kendall	Laconia	26	Teacher	Sheffield, Vt.	Fred'k F. Kendall	Lyndon, Vt.	Sealer	1st	
								Louisa J. Bagley	Cincinnati, Ohio	Housek'p'r		
			Willis Truman Merrill	"	25	Butcher	Laconia	Dudley T. Merrill	Smith's Mill, P. Q.	Farme	1st	Rev. Charles A. G. Thurston, Laconia.
								Pluma A. Atwood	Meredith	Housewife		
	30	"	Fannie Ethel Dow	"	18	Domestic	Sandwich	Alvah Dow	Maine	Farmer	1st	
								Mary Jane Caverly	Maine	Housewife		
			Byron Leroy Veasey	"	23	Farmer	Meredith	Hosea Q. Veasey	New Hampton	Farmer	1st	Rev. Charles A. G. Thurston, Laconia
								Georgiana Taylor	Meredith Bridge	Housewife		
July	3	"	Leiler May Whitcher	Bristol	18	Domestic	Warren	Chas. A. Whitcher	Warren	Farmer	1st	
								Mary E. Batchelder	"	Housewife		
			Ovide Crépeau	Laconia	19	Barber	St. David, PQ	Magloire Crépeau	St. David, P. Q.	Farmer	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
								Philomene Peltier	St Robert, P. Q	Housewife		
	11	"	Georgiana Maltais	"	17	Mill ope'tive	Hillsboro Br.	David A. Maltais	Saguenay, P.Q.	Laborer	1st	
								Lucie Laflamme	St. Albert, P Q	Housewife		
			Herbert Emerson Wilkins	Bellows Falls, Vt.	23	Clerk	Keene	Wesley J. Wilkins	Concord	Clergyman	1st	Rev. E. R. Wilkins, Concord.
								Alice A. Perley	Lebanon	Housewife		
	20	"	Lillian Addie Lamprey	Laconia	22	Bookkeeper	Laconia	George H. Lamprey	Belmont	Carpenter	1st	
								Addie L. Farrar	"	Housek'p'r		
			Eddie David Sargent	"	24	Needle maker	East Concord N.H.	Harrison S. Sargent	East Concord	Needlem'r	2d	Rev. G. O. Wiggin. Belmont.
								Susan F. Nudd	Canterbury	Housewife		
	26	Belmont	Marie Emma Belanger	Tilton	20	Mill ope'tive	East Concord Vt.	Pascal Belanger	Rimouski, P. Q.	Laborer	1st	
								Sophie Fecteau	Ste Marie, P. Q.	Housek'p'r		
			Charles Ervin Tuttle	Laconia	29	St'y engineer	C. Harbor	Nehemiah D. Tuttle	Nottingham	Farmer	2d	Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
								Mary Goss	Center Harbor	Housewife		
Aug.		Laconia	Elizabeth Llwellyn Dow	Manchester	22	Housekeeper	So. Berwick, Me.	Lewis L. Dow	Moultonboro	Carpenter	1st	
								Margaret M. Page	Farmington	Housewife		
			Alson Linwood Goodwin	Laconia	24	Machinist	Warren	John Goodwin	Warren	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
								Hannah Sherwell	Orange	Housewife		
	3	"	Susan Jane Hill	Economy, NS	25	Mill ope'tive	Economy, NS	William Hill	Economy, N. S.	Farmer	1st	
								Margaret A Murray	" "	Housewife		
			Louis Walter Parent	Laconia	32	Clerk	St. Pierre, PQ	Joseph Parent	Ste. Marie, P. Q.	Laborer	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
								Marie Peltier	" "	Housewife		
	4	M'lt'nboro	Clara Victorine Jaclard	Moultonboro	28	At home	Moultonboro	Augustus P. Jaclard	New York, N. Y.	Merchant	1st	
								Harriet S. Lee	Moultonboro	Housewife		
			Walter Folger Brackett	Haverhill M's	45	Teacher	Cincinnati, O	Edward A. Brackett	Vassalboro, Me.	Com'r	3d	Rev. G. H. Rice, Laconia.
								Amanda Folger	Cincinnati, Ohio	Housewife		
	7	Laconia	Eva May Sloane	Weym'th M's	25	Teacher	Weym'th M's	William T Sloane	Scituate, Mass.	Shoe M'f'r.	1st	
								Elizabeth G. Bates	Cohasset, Mass.	Housewife		

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Aug. 12	Laconia	William Samuel Wallace	Laconia	24	All White.	Caterer	N. Hampton	Frank O. Wallace	Concord	Hotel Prop	1st	Rev. Joel B. Slocum, Laconia.
		Lettice Elizabeth Rollins	"	19		Milliner	Sanbornton	Laura J. Brown	Manchester	Housewife		
								Frank H. Rollins	Sanbornton		1st	
								Mary E. Little	Gilford	Housek'p'r		
Sept. 4	"	Henry Hadley Connolly	Lisbon, Me	30		Weaver	Bethlehem	Thomas Connolly	Melbourne, P. Q	Laborer		Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
								Nora E. Howland	Bethlehem	Housewife	2d	
		Sarah Georgianna Moore	Bath, Me	23		Mill ope'tive	Bath, Me	Nathan C. Moore	Bath, Me	Carpenter		
								Phebe I. Danforth	Bowdoin, Me	Housek'p'r	1st	
21	"	Frank Elmer Huntoon	Laconia	23		Machinist	Belmont	Charles Huntoon	Northfield	Farmer		Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
								Carrie Abbott	Tamworth	Housek'p'r	1st	
		Ethel May Bagley	"	23		Mill ope'tive	Ste. Marguerite, P. Q.	Martin J Bagley	Thornton	Sty. Eng'er		
								Mary A. Morrill	Lynn, Mass.	Honsewife	1st	
21	"	John Michael Leopold	"	22		" "	Ste. Agathe, P. Q.	Adam Leopold	Germany	Weaver		Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
								Anne Hohbergen	"	Housewife	1st	
		Florence Louise McMillan	"	19		" "	Invern'ss, PQ	David McMillan	Inverness, P. Q.	Farmer		
								Marg't A. McMillan	" "	Housek'p'r	1st	
23	"	George Parsons Phillips	"	27		Shoe cutter	Ipswich, Ms.	Andrew J. Phillips	Topsfield, Mass.	Farmer		Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
								Elizabeth D. Dodge	Ipswich, "	Housewife	2d	
		Alice Mary Bray	"	20		Housekeeper	" "	Amos Bray	" "	H'n'ssmkr		
								Mary E. Stevens	Dorchester, "	Housek'p'r	1st	
26	"	Pierre Lacasse	"	24		Mill ope'tive	Prov. Quebec	Edouard Lacasse	Ste. Marguerite, PQ	Farmer		Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
								Philomene Normand	" "	Housewife	1st	
		Leda Laroche	"	19		" "	" "	Janvier Laroch	St. Antoine, P. Q.	Carpenter		
								Lucie Gosselin	St. Isidor Dor., PQ	Housewife	1st	
29	Tilton	John Tallant Dodge	"	34		Lumber dealr	N. Boscawen	James Dodge	Goffstown	Farmer		Rev. C. C. Sampson, Tilton.
								Betsey Tallant	Concord	Housek'p'r	2d	
		Catherine Barertt	Athol, Mass.	21		At home	Athol, Mass.	James Barrett	Dublin, Ireland	R. R. official		
								Mary Sheehan	Liverpool, Eng	Housewife	1st	
Oct. 6	Laconia	Charles William Haggett	Laconia	24		Bookkeeper	Lynnfield Ctr Mass.	Charles H. Haggett	No Edgcomb, Me.	Merchant		Rev. John B. Jordan, Laconia.
								Carrie M. Crooker	Medford, Mass	Housewife	1st	
		Lucie Keyes Seaverns	"	26		Clerk	Gilford	Henry Seaverns	Roxbury, "	Paper hg'r		
								Julia P. Copp	Sanbornton	Housek'p'r	1st	

	7	"	James Dexter Sanborn.....	Laconia	63	All White.	Machinist ...	Campton	Daniel Sanborn .	Northampton	Mason	4th	Rev. Dan'lC. Easton, Laconia.
			Anna Dorcas Brooks.....	"	59		Housekeeper	Sweden	Charlotte Sanborn	Exeter	Housewife	2d	
									William Libby	Gorham, Me.	Carpenter		
									Apphil Harmon .	Buxton, Me.	Housewife		
	7	"	William Abbott	"	71		Farmer	Conway	Enoch Abbott ...	Portsmouth	Farmer ...	3d	Rev. Dan'l C. Easton, Laconia.
									Fannie Dinsmore	Conway	Housewife		
			Lydia Jane Bickford.....	"	65		Housekeeper	Andover, M's	Robert Shepherd .	England	Farmer ...	3d	
									Anne Leach	"	Housewife		
			Ransom Clark McMurphy	"	35		Brakeman ..	Gilford . .	R. W. McMurphy	Derry	Painter . .	2d	Rev. G. W. Gould, East Tilton.
	24	East Tilton							Mary J. Smith	Tamworth	Housek p'r		
			Nellie Gertrude Tefft.....	Belmont	30		Mill ope'tive	Wentworth	Samuel Ellsworth	Wentworth	Farmer	2d	
									Maria L. Emerton	Lawrence, Mass. .	Housewife		
			Julian William Baird.....	Boston, Mass.	38		Physician ..	Battle Creek, Mich.	Abram H. Baird	Stirling, N. Y.	Physician	1st	Rev. A. L. Smith, Laconia.
	25	Laconia ...							Sarah E. Wagoner	Bethlehem, N. Y...	Housek'p'r		
			Hattie Belle Ellinwood.....	" "	34		Housekeeper	Dorchester	Joseph Ellinwood	Deering	Farmer.....	1st	
									Hannah C. Eaton	Gilford	Housewife		
			Charles Winfield Lee	Laconia	26		Hotel clerk .	Moultonboro	John H. Lee ...	Moultonboro	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. H. Getchell, Laconia.
	27	"							Sarah E. McDaniel	Tamworth	Housewife		
			Laura Lillian Dearborn ..	"	23		Mill ope'tive	Gilford .	Geo. W. Dearborn	Meredith Bridge ...	Painter	1st	
									Jennie S. Clifford .	Gilford	Housek'p'r		
			Peter Kyle	"	50		Spinner	Scotland	Robert Kyle	Inverness, Scotland	Knitter	2d	Augustus S. Owen, J. P,. Laconia.
Nov.	2	"							Jane Patterson	Hawick, Scotland..	Housewife		
			Margaret Stewart	Franklin	51		Weaver	Waterf'd M's	Mich'el Henneberry	Kilkenny, Ireland	Cl'th D'ssr	2d	
									Margaret Carroll	" "	Housewife		
			Fred Austin Rand	Laconia	25		Clerk	Gilford	Francis P. Rand .	Gilford	Farmer ...	1st	Rev. J. Lewis Malvern, Portland, Me.
	3	Portl'd, Me.							Rox. S. Thurston	"	Housewife		
			Myrtie Glenina Crooker ..	"	23		Clerk.....	Laconia	Henry J. Crooker...	Amherst	Blacksmith	1st	
									Julia S. Hartshorn	Norwich, Vt.	Housek'p'r		
			Arthur C. S. Randlett.....	"	27		Grocer	Belmont	Prescott Randlett	Upper Gilmanton	Farmer	1st	Rev. John B. Jordan, Laconia.
									Lydia P. Smith	Campton	Housewife		
	9	Laconia ...							Samuel Brenton .	Pleasant Valley N S	Cab. M'ker	1st	
			Ida Estella Brenton	"	27		Clerk.....	Hull, Mass.	Alice M. Hayes ...	" "	Housewife		
									Jeremiah Fennell ..	Ireland	Laborer ...	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
			James Fennell	"	48		Laborer	Sussex, N. B.	Margaret Croker ..	"	Housewife		
	20	"							Francois Dionne	Ste. Anne, P. Q. .	Laborer	1st	
			Marie Eva Dionne	"	30		Mill ope tive	St. Thomas. P. Q.	Adelaide Boulanger	St. Jean, P. Q.	Housek'p'r		
									Alanson E. Cox ..	Holderness	Surveyor .	2d	True W. Thompson, J. P., Laconia.
			Ai Otis Cox	"	37		Barber	Holderness	Elizabeth Huntress	"	Housewife		
	22	"							Elmer E. Whitten	Laconia	Dyer	1st	
			Grace Evlyne Whitten	"	18		At home	Gilford	Nancy J. Davis	Gilford	Housewife		
									Joseph L. Brulotte	St. Levis, P. Q. ...	Boatman ...	1st	Rev. J. Monge, Laconia.
			Joseph Louis Brulotte	St. Joseph PQ	30		Boatman	St. Levis, PQ	Meless Charet	" " ...	Housewife		
	28	"							Jean Bissonnette...	St. Gervais, P. Q....	Boatman ...	1st	
			Marie Rebecca Bissonnette	Laconia	26		Mill ope'tive	" "	Sarah Guay	St. Levis, P. Q. ...	Housek p'r		

MARRIAGES—Continued.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at time of Marriage.	Age of Each.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation	Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married.
Nov. 29	Waverly-Belm't, Ms.	Herbert Edgar Dow	Laconia	29	All White.	Merchant	Gilford	Ebenezer L. Dow	Meredith	Merchant	1st	Rev. Geo. P. Gilman Belmont, Mass.
								Mary O. Libbey	Sanbornton	Housewife		
		Grace Madeline Shepard	"	25		Seamstress	Boston, Mass	James Shepard	England	Con. & Bdr	1st	
								Elizabeth Douglass	Boston, Mass	Teacher		
Dec. 7	Laconia	Robert Ernest Seeley	"	24		Caterer	Maple Grove P. Q.	James Seeley	Iowa	Farmer	2d	Rev. W. H. Getchell Laconia.
								Mary A. Nugent		Housek'p'r		
		Carrie Lula Bagley	"	22		Mill ope'tive	Lynn, Mass.	Martin J. Bagley	Thornton	Sty. engin'r	1st	
								Mary A. Morrill	Lynn, Mass.	Housewife		
14	"	Charles Bell Hibbard	"	41		Lawyer	Laconia	Ellery A. Hibbard	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	Lawyer	1st	Rev. C. Y. DeNormandie, Kingston, Mass.
								Mary A Bell	Haverhill	Housewife		
		Mary Eastman Gale	"	37		Teacher	"	Lucian Gale	Meredith	Lawyer	1st	
								Sarah E. Chadwick	Frankfort, Me.	Housewife		
21	"	Herbert Wash'ton Mooney	"	23		Tel. operator	"	George H. Mooney	Holderness	Clerk	1st	Rev. C. E. Eaton, Laconia.
								Sarah F. Sleeper	"	Housewife		
		Agnes Beatrice Seeley	"	19		At home	St. Johnsbury Vt.	James Seeley	Iowa	Farmer	1st	
								Mary A. Nugent		Housek'p'r		
28	"	Harry Walter James	"	25		Needle mak'r	Tonawanda, N. Y.	John James	Augusta, Me.	Sea Capt.	1st	Rev. Justus Erskine, Meredith.
								Clara A. Cram	Meredith	Housek'p'r		
		Edith May Shackford	"	19		At home	Gilford	Frank M. Shackf'd	Franklin	Reporter	1st	
								Ella F. Martin	Barnston, P. Q.	Housewife		

Births Registered in the City of Laconia for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.		Name of Child. [if any.]	Sex and Condition. Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. Child.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan.	2		F	Stillborn	3	All White.	Elzear Boulay	Delia Tetreau	All White.	Laconia	Molder	Canada	Fall River, Mass
	2		"	"	4		Elzear Boulay	Delia Tetreau		"	"	"	"
	6	Frances Albertine	"	Living	10		Abraham McFarlin	Bridget Jane Brogan		"	Laborer	New Ireland, P. Q	Halifax, P. Q
	6	Hollis Edgar	m	"	1		Sedric Bockus	Lillian E. Follansbee		"	Painter	Mystic, P. Q	Dorchester
	8	Marie Anna Victo'a	F	"	6		Delphis Giguére	Octavie Savard		"	Laborer	S. Anne Beaupré, P.Q	Matane, P. Q
	10	Harold Wesley	m	"	3		Fenno D. Bickford	Sadie G. Burpee		"	Carpenter	Tamworth	Dorchester
	11	Mildred Everett	F	"	2		James Prentice Rand	Alice M. Tyler		"	Plumber	Gilford	Laconia
	14	Haven Ellmay	m	"	4		Charles H. Corliss	Cora E. Parker		"	Laborer	Meredith	Boston, Mass
	14	Josephine Blanch'd	F	"	4		Burton A. Curtis	Minnie L. Blanchard		"	Needlemaker	Frankfort, Me	Gaysville, Vt.
	17		m	Stillborn	1			Ella B. Whitehouse		"			West Bolton, P. Q
	20	Ruby Velma	F	Living	6		Thomas H. Keay	Dora Emily Plant		"	Laborer	Worcester, Mass	Barnston, P. Q
	20	Carl Elwood	m	"	3		Joseph Hermon Davis	Mira Elizabeth Abbott		"	R. R. fireman	Rumney	Rumney
	23	Stanton Leland	"	"	1		Chester L. Avery	Mary S. Hilliard		"	Sectionman	Laconia	Laconia
	25	Bernard Francis	"	"	2		William H. Mooney	Addie M. Leonard		"	Painter	Cambridge, Mass	Charlestown, Mass
	26	Joseph Henry	"	"	3		Joseph Tremblay	Marie Joseph'ne Leclerc		"	Sectionman	L'Islet, P. Q	St. Joseph, Levis P.Q
	26	Marie Rose Anna	F	"	1		Achille Landry	Delvina Vaillancourt		"	Laborer	Broughton, P. Q	Sacre Coeur Marie PQ
	26	Marie Nora	"	"	10		Louis Gagné	Vitaline Faucher		"	"	St. Elzear, P. Q	St. Frederic, P.Q
	26	Basil Lionel	m	"	1		Charles E. Frawley	Ethel A. Richardson		"	Carpenter	Kennebunk, Me	Laconia
	29	Jos. Harry Albert	"	"	8		Théophile Fecteau	Armeline Lepage		"	Spinner	Broughton, P. Q	St Alphonse, P.Q
	29		"	Stillborn	1		George B. Stevens	Ethel W. Allen		"	Patternmaker	Gilford	Gilford
	31	Edward	"	Living	1		Edward Crowley	Lucie Vachon		"	Mill operative	Canada	Canada
Feb.	1	Irene Rexford	F	"	1		Ira A. Clark	Alta C. Swain		"	Knitter	East Lebanon	West Rumney
	4	Caldwin Alfred	m	"	2		Charles W. Langevin	Sarah E. Robinson		"	Laborer	Stanstead Plain, P.Q	Liverpool, England
	7	Orin Francis	"	"	1		Timothy McGoldrick	Cecilia M. Gregory		"	"	St. Agathe, P.Q	Seneca Falls, N. Y
	10	Grace Eleanor	F	"	2		George C. Stafford	Regina E. Whittaker		"	Mill operative	Carroll	So. Durham, P.Q
	13	Marie Elmina	"	"	3		Napoleon Dubé	Delima Couture		"	Laborer	St. Thomas, P.Q	St. Lazare, P. Q
	16	Anne Bella	"	"	4		Alfred William Beaupré	Marie Anne Hamel		"	Knitter	Stanstead Plain, P.Q	Suncook
	18	Alice Bernadette	"	"	6		Edward F. Hurley	Hannah A. Leavitt		"	R. R. employé	Laval, P. Q	Laconia
	21	Joseph William	m	"	3		Joseph Laflamme	Delina Couture		"	Laborer	Ste. Marguerite, P. Q	St. Leon, Standon, PQ
	21	Marie Amanda	F	"	2		Pierre Gilbert	Amanda Bissonnette		"	"	Sacre Coeur Marie PQ	Pointe Levis, P. Q
	22	Charles Francis	m	"	8		Levi W. Downs	Katherine M. Sheridan		"	Oyster dealer	Star Isl'd, Isles Shoals	New York, N. Y
	24	Olive Corinne	F	"	4		Frederick W. Wilcox	Mabel L. Cutting		"	Teamster	Kingsey Falls, P.Q	Gilford

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Feb. 26	Albert Arthur	m	Living	12		Narcisse Lefebvre	Mathilde Caron		Laconia	Baker	St. Bazile, P.Q	Quebec, P. Q
Mar. 1	Marie Clarince	F	"	1	White.	Pierre A. Morin	Marie Melina Beaupré	White.	"	Laborer	Ham Nord, P. Q	Stanstead Plain, PQ
2	Marie E. A. Albia	"	"	9		Joseph Nadeau	Elize Gingras		"	Stone mason	St. Antoine, P. Q	St. Paul de Dor. P Q
6	Philippe	m	"	15		Joseph Auger	Elmire Constant		"	Laborer	Deschambault, P. Q.	St. Vallier, P. Q.
6	Mary Eunice	F	"	1		Caleb J. Avery	Minnie M. Avery		"	Painter	Plymouth	Rumney
8	Mary Lucia	"	"	1	B	Joseph Lafrance	Bertha A. Burbank	*	"	Mill operative	Kingsey Falls, P. Q.	Gilmanton
9	Jessie Wilhelmina	"	"	4		Alfred Penzer	Elizabeth Evans		"	R.R. conductor	Wolverhamp., Eng	Liverpool, England
13	Aubrey Allen	m	"	2		James E. Scott	Annie C. Allen		"	Baggage mast'r	Laconia	Sherbrooke, P. Q.
14	George Narcisse	"	"	10		George Ménard	Marie Adeline Lecort		"	Stone mason	Magog, P. Q.	Ste. Marie Beauce, PQ
15	Ernest Adelbert	"	"	2		Charles O. Hudson	Ada B. Allen		"	Laborer	Portland, Me.	Belmont
17	Harley Frank	"	"	5		Harley W. Carey	Alice L. Baldwin		"	Grocer	Jay, Vt	Gilford
22	Marie Georgiana M.	F	"	1		Charles Labrecque	Georgiana Gilbert		"	Laborer	Broughton, P. Q.	Thetford, P. Q
25	Oley Alfred	m	"	1		Charles A. Arnold	Mary Ada Cotton		"	Needlemaker	Portland, Me.	Gilford
26	Marie Anne Josep'e	F	"	6		David Roy	Arthemise Lavertu		"	R. R. employé	St. François, P. Q	St Jean Chryst'me PQ
29		"	Still born	3		John B. Valliére	Rosalie Boucher		"	Laborer	St. Leon Standon, PQ	Wolfstown, P. Q.
30	Joseph Arthur	m	Living	3		Joseph T. Guenard	Marie D. Morin		"	"	Buckland, P. Q.	Ste. Claire, P. Q.
30	Joreph Alfred	"	"	4		Joseph Labrecque	Caroline Gregoire		"	"	Broughton, P. Q	Sac. Coeur Marie, PQ
30	Mary Ellen Elizab'h	F	"	1		Charles Brown	Ann Fahey		"	"	Moctry, Wales	Inverness, P. Q
31		"	"	8		Napoleon Coté	Aurore Valliére		"	"	St. Apollinaire, P. Q	Standon, P. Q.
April 6	George Wesley	m	"	4	White.	Wesley B. Cass	Ida E. Whipple	White.	"	Ice dealer	Sheffield, Vt.	Stanstead, P.Q
7	Albert George	"	"	4		Charles E. H. Edgerly	Elizabeth O'Brien		"	Laborer	Sanbornton	Kingston Ont
11	Joseph Alfred	"	"	2		John Marquis	Ovilla Martin		"	"	St. Malachie, P. Q	Ste. Marguerite, P.Q
14	Joseph Alfred	"	"	1		Charles Paquet, Jr	Emma Mercier		"	"	Wolfstown, P. Q	D'Israeli, P. Q
16	Sylvia Flora	F	"	3		Eugene F. Dean	Ida M. Blake		"	Electrician	Madison, Me	Groton, Mass
18		m	"	1		Joseph C. Towers	Addie E. Smith		"	Dyer	Hinckley, England	Campton
20	Harry Samuel	"	"	2		Daniel D. Jameson	Nellie F. Mead		"	Blacksmith	Weare	Bartlett
21	Arthur Frank	"	"	4		Frank H. Chase	Mabel A. Batchelder		"	Carpenter	Bristol	Wentworth
27	Joseph Romulus	"	"	2		Adelard Bégin	Leonie Lacasse		"	Laborer	St. Jos. de Levis, PQ	Ste. Marguerite, P.Q.
27	Jos. George Leon	"	"	4		Alfred Tanguay	Antoinette Marchand		"	Clerk	St. Magloire, P. Q.	Batiscan, P. Q
May 1	Marie Nora	F	"	1		François Mercier	Anastasie Bolduc		"	Laborer	Broughton, P. Q	Broughton, P. Q
2	Harold Powers	m	"	2		Eugene O Shea	Annie Powers		"	Merchant	Laconia	Cambridge, Mass.
4	Gerard Philippe H.	"	"	18		Jules Larivee	Marie J. Sanschagrin		"	Carpenter	Pointe Levis, P. Q.	Pointe Levis, P. Q

*Father white, mother black.

	5	Bernice Belinda	F	Living	1		Charles O. Downing	Gertrude W. Somes		"	Salesman	Wentworth	Laconia
	5	Helena Josephine	F	"	8		Thomas W. McNamara	Mary O'Brien		"	Plumber	Ireland	Springfield, Mass
	6		m	Still born	1		Walter H. Silver	Lizzie G. Philbrook		"	Carpenter	Deerfield	Campton
	18	Joseph Cyrille	"	Living	1		Cyrille Vachon	Georgina Morin		"	Knitter	Ham Nord, P.Q	Ham Nord, P.Q
	19	Richard Henry	"	"	2		Howard Elgin Wells	Lillian W. Kelley		"	Clerk	Bristol	Alexandria
	21	Alice Lillian	F	"	1		Oliver W. Taylor	Cora E. Moore		"	Blacksmith	Sanbornton	Sanbornton
	26	Harold Leavitt	m	"	2		William F. Sanborn	Edith N. Leavitt		"	Clerk	Laconia	Crestline, Ohio
	28	Thomas	m	"	1		Thomas Vachon	Malvina Cahier		"	Laborer	St. Frederic, P. Q	Ascot Corner, P. Q.
	29		F	"	3		Edgar S. Hodgdon	Carrie L. Colby		"	Blacksmith	Tuftonboro	Westmoreland, Kan.
	31	George Lorraine	m	"	3		George M. Riley	Laurinda V. Parshley		"	Carpenter	Northfield	Laconia
June	2	Marie A'na Malvina	F	"	1		Ludger Levasseur	Malvina Nadeau		"	Laborer	Arthabaska, P.Q	St. Antonine, P. Q.
	2	Doris Hope	"	"	3		Benaiah R Perkins	Ida Lizzie Downing		"	Farmer	Rollinsford	Rumney
	4	Orrin Verie	m	"	1		George A. Hodgdon	Jane E. Whittaker		"	Florist	London, England	South Durham, P. Q
	6		"	"	2		Charles A. Harvell	Emma A. Burbank		"	Policeman	Compton P. Q	Bartlett
	9	Marie Adèle	F	"	1		Noé Corriveau	Victoria Lamontagne		"	Laborer	St. Jos. de Levis, P.Q	St. Damien, P. Q
	16	Adélard Albert	m	"	6		Albert Marchand	Mathilda Fugère		"	"	Stanfold, P. Q	Stanfold, P. Q
	28	Olin Browning	"	"	1		Samuel A. Howard, Jr.	Gertrude E. Browning		"	Concrete paver	New Haven, Conn	Worcester, Mass
	29	Marie Alma Laura	F	"	3		Cyrille Drouin	Ellen Poiré		"	Carpenter	St. Jos, Beauce, P.Q	Laconia
July	1	Louis Stillman	m	"	3		Fred Oliver Goss	Anne Eliza Rollins		"	Mechanic	Moultonboro	Moultonboro
	8	Jos. George Victor	"	"	5	All White.	Victor Leclerc	Delima Martin	Pv. Quebec		Stone mason	Canada	Canada
	9	Lyle Hazel	F	"	2		Reuben Willie Durham	Marie Mela Brulotte	Laconia		Stone cutter	Frankfort, Me	St. Joseph Levis, P.Q
	10	Victor Gray	m	"	2		Orvis T. Muzzy	Mary E. Rollins		"	Carpenter	Hebron	Bristol
	13	Richard Pearl	"	"	2		Charles E. Whipple	Ozanna Parent		"	Laborer	Bangor, Me	Windham
	17	Ruth Blaisdell	F	"	3		Harvey M. Sargent	Eva Z. Blaisdell		"	Farmer	Springfield	Epping
	19	Frances	"	"	1		Martin G. Gurley	Mary E. Pickett		"	Plumber	Loughrea Ireland	Concord
	25	Gladys Burpee	F	"	4		Eugene S. Harriman	Lena B. Burpee		"	Machinist	Prospect, Me	Dorchester
	29	Marie Eva	"	"	2		Adolphe Mercier	Eleonore Bolduc		"	Laborer	Broughton, P. Q	Broughton, P.Q
Aug.	3	Marie G. Leona	"	"	1		Joseph Groleau	Georgiana Audet		"	Knitter	St Ephrem. P. Q	Ste. Marguerite, P.Q
	12	William Alphonse	m	"	1		Alfred Alph'nse Daoust	Elise Normandin		"	Molder	Beauharnvis, P. Q.	St Luc-de T. R., P.Q
	13	Eveline Lauraetta	F	"	4		Albion E. Bagley	Carrie M. Ward		"	Laborer	Thornton	Bradford
	14	Annie Isabel	"	"	4		Edward Hamilton	Lucinda Laraway		"	"	Sherbrooke, P. Q	Franklin Falls
	14	Francois Howard	m	"	9		Alfred Laramée	Mérélice Gignac		"	"	Keysville, N.Y	Champlain, P. Q
	19	Frost Leman	"	"	4		Charles Danforth	Eunice Ordway		"	Farmer	Northfield	Lowell, Mass
	29	Albert John	"	"	2		Albert E. Emery	Annie E. Fitzpatrick		"	"	Hatley, P. Q	Laconia
	10	Albert	"	"	1		Albert J. Hawkins	Anna M. Davidson		"	Blacksmith	Nashua	Inverness, P. Q
	24	William Walter	"	"	1		William E. Lacroix	Vitaline Tardif		"	Laborer	Keysville, N Y	Ham Nord, P. Q
	24	Phil'mene Eliz'b'th	F	"	2		Joseph Thomas Jacques	Delphine A. Vallier		"	"	Ste. Marie, Beace P.Q	Ashland
	25	John Daniel	m	"	1		John M. Plummer	Eva M. James		"	Cabinet maker	Campton Village	Campton Village
	26	Harold Ray	"	"	1		Wilbur Ward Titus	Ona E. Lane		"	Shoe merchant	North Haverhill	North Haverhill
	27	Leon Thornton	"	"	1		Harry Burnham Parker	Elizabeth R. Phillips		"	Knitter	Hartford, Conn	Hanover
	28		F	"	4			Clara E. Bennett		"			Gilford
Sept.	4	Mary Mildred	"	"	1		Richard J. Burchill	Annie J. Hughes		"	Mill operative	Deptford, England	Kennebunk, Me
	4	Marie Rose Eva	"	"	1		Thomas Allaire	Marie Couture		"	Laborer	Roberval, P. Q	Standon, P. Q
	4	Jos. Serge Emilio	m	"	5		Joseph Labbé	Marie Lacasse		"	"	Ste. Henedine, P. Q.	Ste. Marguerite, P.Q

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Sept.	12	Michael	m	Living	12		Michael Reardon	Ellen Murphy		Laconia	Overseer	Cork, Ireland	Leeds, Me.
	15	Lois Esther	F	"	1		Newell S. Manson	H. Adelle Haeffner		"	Shoemaker	East Rochester	South Burlington, Vt
	15	Ruth Rosaline	"	"	2		William J. Sheehan	Marguerite A. Jacques		"	Laborer	Lake Village	Laconia
	19	Isadore Lucille	"	"	4		Charles H. McMurphy	Flora E. Dean		"	Molder	Lisbon	Lawrence, Mass.
	20	Norris Maitland	m	"	2		Herbert N. Clay	Lela E. Stone		"	Merchant	Belmont	Laconia
	20	Beatrice Gordon	F	"	2		Harry H. Wardwell	Grace M. George		"	Electrician	Gilford	"
	23	Marie	"	"	7		Alfred W. Dufresne	M. Ellen Coté		"	Shoemaker	Montreal, P. Q	Lebanon
	24	David Warren	m	"	1		Samuel J. Durgin	Jennie Ames		"	Paper hanger	Wauseon, O	Campton
	26	Pauline Miner	F	"	1		Allen M. Avery	Stella Miner		"	Machinist	Campton	Whitefield
Oct.	1	Bernice Eugenia	"	"	5		William C. Bartlett	Elsie J. Harris		"	Laborer	Salem, Vt	Ashland
	3	Iva	"	"	4		George W. Bettis	Sarah L. Adams		"	Clerk	Morrisville, Vt.	Danbury
	3	Doris Beryl	"	"	1		Edmond G. Howe	Maud E. Sanborn		"	"	North Hatley, P. Q.	North Sandwich
	9	Ernestine	"	"	1		Libbeus E. Hayward	Cora F. Goodwin		"	R.R. St'n Agt.	Fitchburg, Mass.	Gilford
	9	Archie Sherburn	m	"	1		Bert Gleason	Maud E. Spofford		"	Electrician	Lisbon	Franklin Falls
	12	Joseph Albert	"	"	4	All White.	Leandre Lavallée	Amanda St. Pierre	All White.	"	Teamster	Lee	St. Edouard, P. Q.
	13	Charles Edson	"	"	5		Charles Wm. Shattuck	Minnie Edna Stevens		"	Clergyman	Colebrook	Sheffield, Vt.
	15	Edna Jennie	F	"	4		Alfred N. Clark	Jennie H. Collins		"	Laborer	Solon, Me.	Gilford
	17	Mary Stella	"	"	1		Gerard M. Whelan	Lizzie A. Rollins		"	Shoemaker	Quebec, P. Q	Gilmanton
	21	Ruth	"	"	2		William H. Day, Jr.	Laura B. Smith		"	Forgeman	High Bridge, N. J.	Laconia
	22	George Willie	m	"	2		George D. Taylor	Ada Levoy		"	Laborer	Sanbornton	Potton, P. Q.
	23	Irving Smith	"	"	5		Orrin G. Hilliard	Zelpha Ann Robinson		"	"	Laconia	Gilmanton
	27	James Samuel	"	"	5		James F. Conway	Julia A. Estell		"	Tobacconist	Manchester	Newport, Vt.
	30	Bernard John Ira	"	"	2		Fred F. Taylor	Annie F. Clifford		"	Machinist	New Hampton	Gilmanton
Nov.	9	Edwin Howe, Jr.	"	"	3		Edwin H. Shannon	Myra E. Berry		"	Lawyer	Gilmanton	Barnstead
	9	William Dwight	"	"	3		Ned C. Emerson	Sarah A. Fox		"	Carpenter	Lyndonville, Vt.	Meredith
	13	Angéle Marie Anne	F	"	1		Joseph T. Guay	Victoria M. Jacques		"	Painter	St. Agathe, P. Q.	Laconia
	15	Joseph George W.	m	"	10		Joseph Beaulé	Pressile Savard		"	Laborer	Quebec, P. Q	Petite Matane, P. Q.
	24	Henry Clyde W.	"	"	1		William H. Richburg	Cora McLeod		Henniker	Shoe cutter	Jamaica Plain, Mass.	Richmond, P. Q.
	25	Harry Otis	"	"	1		Ai O. Cox	Grace E. Whitten		Laconia	Barber	Holderness	Gilford
	26	Owen Samuel W.	"	"	1		Arthur L. Paine	Bessie McFarlane		Belmont	Wood worker	Vershire, Vt.	Moncton, N. B
	29	Hazel Ellen	F	"	2		Walter S. Jones	Ellen J Avery		Laconia	Tinsmith	Sanbornton	Corinth, Vt.
Dec.	1		m	Still born	1		Henry A. Rublee	Mabel L. Stone		"	Machinist	Gilford	Gilford

3	Helen Regis	F	Living	4	Thomas E. Leavitt	Mary A. McCarthy	All White.	"	Knitter	Laconia	London, England
5	Louie May	"	"	3	Abia Hutton	Emily Bingley		"	Carpenter	Thorpe, England	Hemsworth, England
5	Beatrice May	"	"	1	William S. Wallace	Lettice E. Rollins		"	Caterer	New Hampton	Sanbornton
5	Joseph Arthur	m	"	15	David Poulin	Marie O. Corriveau		"	Laborer	St. François, P. Q.	Frepton, P. Q.
9	Marie Delina Bella	F	"	9	Albert Poiré	Henriette Marchand		"	Painter	St. Joseph, Levis, P.Q	Batiscan, P. Q
10	Charles Edward Jos	m	"	5	William A. Smith	Adeléle Chabot		"	Blacksmith		St. Claire, P. Q
13		"	"	2	William Taylor Swain	Margaret A. Slattery		"	Hosiery Mf'r	Gilford	Springfield, Mass
15	George	"	"	1	Harry H. McMurphy	Mary Alice Davidson		"	Molder	Littleton	Inverness, P. Q
20	Flora Jeanne Alice	F	"	7	Louis Sauvageau	Caroline Whitmore		"	Laborer	Grondines, P. Q	St. François-Lac, P.Q
23	Guy Edwin	m	"	1	Fred C. Moulton	Gertrude May Dow		"	R.R. employé	Plymouth	Gilford
26		"	Still born	1	Frank O. Clarke	Alice N. Clarke		"	Clerk	Worcester, Mass	Westminster, Mass
6	*Louisa May	F	Living	2	Frank S. Tarlson	Rozella Kelley		"	Laborer	Campton	Meredith

*Born at Belknap County Farm.

Deaths Registered in the City of Laconia for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Death.		Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Marr'd or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan.	2	Merton E. Burnham	28	3	18	Littleton	M	All White.	M	Teamster	Littleton	Brownington, Vt.	Cyrus E. Burnham	Eliza A. Bailey
	2	Infant—Boulay	0	0	0	Laconia	F				Canada	Fall River, Mass.	Elzear Boulay	Delia Tetreau
	2	Infant—Boulay	0	0	0	"	F				"	" "	" "	" "
	2	Ruth Campbell		11	0	"	F							Cora M. Tobine
	4	John B. Brown	67	8		Moultonboro	M		M	Carpenter			John Brown	Lucy Wilkinson
	4	Honora S. Holland	40			Gilford	F		M	Housewife	Ireland	Ireland	Jeremiah Sullivan	Catherine O'Neill
	5	Thomas J. Chapman	34			Melbourne, P. Q.	M		M	Machinist	"	Melbourne, P.Q.	Joseph Chapman	Margaret Dunbar
	8	John S. Adams	44	11		New York, N. Y.	M		M	Painter			Charles Adams	Betsey Libby
	9	Converse S. Colby	76	6	1	Goffstown	M		W	Tailor	Bow	Boscawen	Enoch Colby	Polly Bamford
	12	Amy Blanche Keniston	26	9	29	Tilton	F		S	Teacher of music	Sanbornton	Wentworth	Bela S. Keniston	Irene S. Clifford
	13	Antoinette Bégin	20	3		St. Thomas, P.Q	F		M	Housewife	St. Thomas, P.Q.	St. Thomas, P.Q	Auguste Vermette	Rosalie Coté
	17	Infant	0	0	0	Laconia	M					W. Bolton, P. Q		Ella B. Whitehouse
	20	Joseph Francis Dockham	45	1	19	Meredith	M		M	Laborer	Meredith	Center Harbor	John S. Dockham	Priscilla A. Kelley
	22	Daniel Callahan	21	2	9	Cambridgep't. Ms	M		S	Baker	Ireland	Ireland	Dennis Callahan	Mary O'Leary
	28	Rae F. Clarke	0	8	19	Laconia	F				Gilford	Gilford	George H. Clark	Jennie F. Jewett
	28	Ebenezer K. Leavitt	83	8	27	Meredith	M		M	Farmer	Brentw'd, Mass.	eredith	John Leavitt	Sally Ward
	29	Infant—Stevens	0	0	0	Laconia	M				Gilford	Gilford	George B Stevens	Ethel W. Allen
	31	Sarah Jane Bailey	53	10	19	Manchester	F		M	Housekeeper			Ezekiel Adams	Jane Adams
Feb.	2	William H. Garrett	52	2	24	Hinckley, Eng	M		M	Dyer	Hinckley, Eng	Hinckley, Eng	William Garrett	Sophia Horton
	7	Belinda Lovejoy	81	10	5	New Hampton	F		W	Housekepeer			Thomas Chase	Abigail Wiggins
	11	Annie E. Rand	68	10		Amesbury, Mass.	F		W	"	Portland, Me.	Amesbury, Mass.	David Page	
	11	Sarah H. Calley	86	9	21	Sanbornton	F		W	"	Brentw'd, Mass.	Sanbornton	Jeremiah Graves	Mehitable Thompson
	17	Henri Rouiller	38			Prov. of Quebec.	M			Painter				
	23	Cecilia M. McGoldrick	22	11		Seneca Falls, N.Y	F		M	Housewife	Waterloo, N. Y.	Buffalo, N. Y.	Frank Gregory	Margaret Lavallée
	23	Joseph William Laflamme	0	0	2	Laconia	M				Prov. Quebec	St. Leon, P. Q	Joseph Laflamme	Delina Couture
	25	Stanislas Leon'rd Malouin	2	1	4	"	M				" "	Prov. Quebec	Isaïe Malouin	Katherine Guay
	26	Sarah T. Sargent	82			Gilford	F		W	Housekeeper	Epping	Epping	Gilman Thyng	Sally Folsom
	26	Frederick Brulot	59			St. Joseph, P. Q	M		M	Laborer	Canada	Canada	Joseph Brulot	Julie Goupie
	28	Nancy H. Folsom	76	1	22	Corinth, Vt	F		M	Housewife			—— Holman	
Mar.	3	Mary Ann Buzzell	66	7	14	Clinton, Me.	F		M	"	Bridgeton, Me.	Burnham, Me.	Abner Dodge	Lavinia Merrick
	4	Mahala Leavitt	78			Gilford	F		W	Housekeeper	Gilford		Nathan Hatch	
	8	James E Flack	29	11		Melbourne, P. Q.	M		M	Teamster	Scotland	Melbourne, P. Q.	John Flack	Mary A. Eames

	10	Scammons F. Noble	73	11	20	Pittsfield, Me	M		M	Farmer	Pittsfield, Me	Pittsfield, Me	Joseph Noble	Betsey Powers
	10	Arvilla Libby	79			Gilford	F		W	Housewife			Levi Lovett	Martha Hunt
	17	Nancy V. Follansbee	40	10	23	Manchester	F		W	Housekeeper			Moody Huse	Adeline Eaton
	17	Mehitable Wheeler	77	4	20	Landaff	F		M	Housekeeper	Andover, Mass	Chester	Joseph Towne	Mehitable Cole
	18	Ernest Samuel Heath	16	7	25	Danbury	M		S		Salisbury	Andover	John C. Heath	Jennie N. Morrill
	18	Samuel C. Clark	65	2	9	Gilford	M		M	Attorney-at-law	Gilford	Gilford	Samuel Clark, Jr	Betsey Clement
	29	Infant—Valliére	0	0	0	Laconia	F				St. Leon, P. Q	Wolfstown, PQ	John B. Vallière	Rosalie Boucher
	31	Infant—Coté	0	0	0	"	F				St Apollinaire PQ	Standon, P. Q	Napoleon Coté	Aurore Valliére
April	2	Bridget Scott	63			Co. Clare, Ireland	F		M	Housewife	Ireland	Ireland	Thomas Kelley	Mary ——
	12	Agnes B. Morse	29			Portland, Me	F		M	Dressmaker	Old Town, Me	England	John Harris	Margaret Curtis
	13	Charlotte Boynton Noyes	79	9	2	Meredith	F		W	Housekeeper	New Rowley M'ss	Gilmanton	Francis W. Boynton	Mary Gilman
	16	John Langdon Robinson	88			"	M		W	Farmer	Meredith	Meredith	Thomas Robinson	Polly Crockett
	18	Infant—Towers	0	0	½	Laconia	M				Hinckley, Eng	Campton	Joseph C. Towers	Addie E. Smith
	23	Thomas Bégin	55			St. Gervais, P. Q	M		M	Grocer	Canada	Canada	Godfroid Bégin	Agathe Boutin
	23	Betsey Dow	79	11	6	Long Island	F		W	Housekeeper		Weare	Stephen Dow	Polly Dyer
	27	Abbie M. Silver	82	6	22	Limington, Me	F		W	Housekeeper			James Nason	Abby Morrill
	29	Mary Leach Baldwin	91	7		Goffstown	F		W	Housekeeper	Salem, Mass	Dunbarton	Samuel Leach	Mary Ryder
May	3	Joseph L. Odell	66	1	21	New Hampton	M		W	Druggist	Sanbornton		William Odell	Hannah Tuttle
	6	Infant—Silver	0	0	0	Laconia	M				Deerfield	Campton	Walter H. Silver	Lizzie G. Philbrook
	6	Henry Turgeon	17	9		St. Leon, P. Q.	M	All White.	S	Mill operative	Canada	St. Sylvestre, P.Q	Etienne Turgeon	Adèle Létourneau
	8	Eugustus W. Smith	45	7	18	Dickinson C. NY	M		M	Needlemaker	Randolph, Vt	Brookfield, Vt	Oliver Smith	Louisa A. Edson
	9	Allen Atwood Cole	56	0	25	Gilford	F		S	At home	Franconia	Loudon	Benjamin J. Cole	Meh'table A Batchelder
	10	Sarah Ann Page	72	9	9	Gilmanton	F		W	Housekeeper	Gilmanton	Sandown	Benjamin Page	Sarah Page
	11	Ellen W. Laighton	48	5		Meredith	F		W	Mill operative	Meredith	Holderness	Moses C. Pease	Betsey Randlett
	16	Walter Ernest Bean	2	3	16	Laconia	M				Sandwich	Manchester	Warren M Bean	Helen J Cameron
	18	Dora P. Randlet-Perley	77	5	4	Gilmanton	F		W	Housekeeper	Gilmanton	Gilford	Josiah Randlet	Betsey Potter
	20	Ezekiel Hall Wheeler	87	2	25	Bethlehem	M		W	R. R. employé	Bethlehem	Pawlet, Vt	Amos Wheeler	Betsey Hall
	27	Ambroise Lacroix	60			Prov. of Quebec	M		M	Laborer	Prov of Quebec	Prov. of Quebec	Ambroise Lacroix	Su an Montmagny
	29	Infant—Hodgdon			½	Laconia	F				Tuftonboro	Westmorel'd Kas	Edgar S. Hodgdon	Carrie L. Colby
	30	John Flanders Folsom	1	6	9	"	M				Laconia	Somerville, Mass	Charles N. Folsom	Hannah B. Flanders
June	1	Susannah C. Sawyer	83	2	2	Dunbarton	F		W	Housekeeper	Dunbarton	Bow	David Woodbury	Mary Colby
	3	Abbie Mary Conley	23	9	19	Bethlehem	F		M	Housewife	Canada	Gilford	Moses Larocque	Winifred Rowen
	5	Eugene Francis Dalton		6	20	Laconia	M				Co. Waterford Ire	Co. Kerry, Ire	James Dalton	Mary Mahoney
	8	Infant—Harvell	0	0	1	"	M				Compton, P.Q.	Bartlett	Charles A. Harvell	Emma A. Burbank
	14	Delia G. Brown	79	7	27	Weare	F		M	Housekeeper	South Weare	South Weare	James Eastman	Elsie G. Gove
	16	Joseph J. E. A. Lapointe	2	7	17	Laconia	M				Canada	Canada	Achille Lapointe	Zelia Belanger
	17	Freeman A. Page	72	5	17	Wentworth	M		M	Farmer	Sharon, Vt	Loudon	Zebina Page	Betsey Merrill
	18	Nancy J Conner	70	1		Morgan, Vt	F		M	Housewife			Shepard Piper	Sally Swain
	22	George Lyman Davis	30	8	26	Laconia	M		S	Shoemaker	Charlestown M'ss	Laconia	Lyman W. Davis	Mary E. Piper
	23	James J. Belford	41			Pointe Levis, PQ	M		M	Spinner	Ireland	Quebec, P.Q	Alexander Belford	Margaret St. John
	23	John Dunleavy		11	29	Laconia	M				Co. Clare, Ire	Co. Clare, Ire	John Dunleavy	Nora Whelan
	24	Frank O'Loughlin	25	8	18	Gilford	M		S	Clerk	" "	" "	Martin O'Loughlin	Nora Whelan
	24	Clarisse Laplante	66	2	18	Canada	F		M	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Michel Courtois	Marguerite Fortier
	27	Jennie A. Blaisdell	49	1	7	Gilford	F		S	Hotel employé	Gilford	Gilford	John Blaisdell	Martha E. Sawyer

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Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Marr'd or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth. Father.	Place of Birth. Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
June 27	Collamer J. Smith	63	9	5	Reading, Vt.	M	All White.	M	Molder			Jason Smith	Betsey Robinson
28	Amanda Gilbert	28	6	...	Pointe Levis, PQ	F		M	Housewife	St. Gervais, P. Q.	Pointe Levis, PQ	Jean Bissonnette	Sarah Guay
29	Grace M. Dean	54	10	12	Turner, Me	F		M	"			Samuel Alley	Jane May
July 2	Laura A. Clark	75	...	..	Center Harbor	F		W	Housekeeper			Leonard Fox	Lucy Merrill
4	Stanton L. Avery	...	5	12	Laconia	M				Laconia	Laconia	Chester L. Avery	Mary S. Hilliard
5	Sedric Bockus	23	6	23	Mystic, P. Q	M		M	Painter	Mystic, P. Q	Bedford, P. Q.	Oscar Bockus	Almeda Deline
9	Demerise Guay	26	4	10	St. Lazare, P. Q.	F		M	Housewife	Pointe Levis, PQ	Ponte Levis, PQ	Jean B. Dubé	Rosalie Guay
19	Joseph Albert Alfred Poiré	8	2	2	Laconia	M				"	Batiscan, P. Q	Albert Poiré	Henriette Marchand
27	Clara B. Sanborn	20	4	11	"	F		S	At home	Gilford	Gilford	Cyrus A. Sanborn	Francena M. Sanborn
27	Rachel Ranlet Edwards	84	2	10	Gilmanton	F		W	Housekeeper	Gilmanton	Gilmanton	Noah Ranlet	Rachel Osgood
Aug. 8	Thomas J. Plummer	81	0	6	Gilford	M		W	Farmer	Methuen, Mass.	Derry	Moses Plummer	Sarah Harvey
9	Abbie L. Collins	37	1	23	Meredith	F		M	Housewife	Vermont	Meredith	Harrison Swain	Lavinia B. Farrar
14	Emma J. Swain	50	8	14	Gilford	F		S	Housekeeper	Moultonboro	Hill	Chase M Swain	Emily Morrill
25	Albert Hawkins	0	0	½	Laconia	M				Nashua	Inverness, P. Q	Albert J. Hawkins	Anna M. Davidson
21	Adélard Albert Marchand	...	2	4	"	M				Stanfold, P. Q.	Stanfold. P. Q	Albert Marchand	Mathilda Fugére
25	Joseph Cyrille Vachon	...	3	7	"	M				Ham Nord, P.Q.	Ham Nord, P. Q	Cyrille Vachon	Georgiana Morin
29	John Q. Merrill	76	0	3	Gilford	M		W	Carpenter			James Merrill	Mary York
Sept. 4	Minnie B. Johnson	27	11	...	Laconia	F		S	Mill operative	Belmont	Haverhill	George H. Johnson	Mary I. Smith
6	Rose H. Wells	64	...	...	West Potton, PQ	F		M	Housewife	Loudon	West Potton PQ	Stephen Buswell	Harriet Gilman
6	Joseph Arthur Guenard	...	5	7	Laconia	M				Buckland, P. Q.	St.ClaireDor,PQ	Joseph T. Guenard	Deneige Morin
8	William B. Stevens	75	3		Hill	M		M	Farmer		Pembroke	Moses Stevens	Mehitable Kimball
8	Marie Elmire Gamache	13	9	5	S.C. deMarie,PQ	F		S	At home	St.Isidor Dor,PQ	SteM.Beauce,PQ	Paul Gamache	VenerandeVaillancou't
9	John C. Baxter	62	...	...	New Hampton	M		M	Blacksmith	Quincy, Mass.	Meredith	Samuel Baxter	Cenith Currier
10	Mary Perkins-Chase	85	5	17	Meredith	F		W	Houskeeper	Newmarket	Exeter	Joseph Perkins	Lydia Sanborn
10	Alexandre Pichette	56	...	...	Quebec, P. Q	M		M	Carpenter	Quebec, P. Q	Quebec, P. Q	Pierre Pichette	Marie Gingras
19	Michael Reardon	0	0	7	Laconia	M				Co. Cork, Ireland	Leeds, Me.	Michael Reardon	Ellen Murphy
25		0	0	0	"	M					West Bolton, PQ		Ella B. Whitehouse
21	Henry Blaisdell	80	1	19	Norwich, Vt	M		W	Merchant				
Oct. 6	Alexandre Lepage	89	2	...	Joliette, P. Q.	M		W	Farmer				
4	Ellen E. Davis	43	11	3	Northport, Me	F		M	Housewife	Northport, Me	Waldo, Me	West Drinkwater	Martha A. Patterson
7	Iva Bettis	0	0	4	Laconia	F				Morrisville, Vt	Danbury	George W. Bettis	Sarah L. Adams
7	Mildred B. Carey	1	2	1	"	F				Halifax, P. Q.	Somerville, Mass	John H. Carey	Annie F. Tynan

	8	Louisa A. McLosky	31	9	15	Hill	F	All White.	M	Housewife	Hill	Gilford	Flanders Dustin	Sarah Pickering
	8	James H. Gardner	73	0	16	Ireland	M		W	Boiler maker	Ireland	Ireland	James Gardner	
	10	Samuel J. Stone	51	7	19	Dorchester, Mass	M		M	Painter	Dorchester, Mass	Lowell, Mass	James D. Stone	Lydia Carter
	12	James M. Chase	71	11	16	Meredith	M		M	Farmer	Meredith	Meredith	Abel Chase	Susan Russell
	15	Terry James Rogers	63	3	28	Springfield, Mass	M		M	Farmer	Joliet. Ill	Joliet, Ill	Timothy Rogers	Sarah Brown
	20	Elizabeth Abbe Gilman	26	7	13	Sandwich	F		M	Housewife	Sandwich	Sandwich	Francis F. Batchelder	Sarah F. Bennett
	24	George W. Taylor	0	0	2	Laconia	M				Sanbornton	Potton, P. Q	George D. Taylor	Ada Levoy
Oct.	24	Lovell Chase Cawley	71	1	1	Gilford	M		M	Farmer	"	Gilford	Wm. Dame Cawley	Nancy T. Sanborn
	27	Maria Rosanna Morin	25	2	14	Laconia	F		S	Mill operative	St. Henri, P. Q	St. Henri, P.Q	Paul Morin	Philomène Bégin
	28	Abigail L. P. Lougee	77	9	22	Sanbornton	F		W	Housekeeper	Sanbornton	Sanbornton	John S. Lane	Abigail Taylor
Nov.	6	William Marston Busiel	68	1	10	Gilford	M		M	Manufacturer	Loudon	Moultonboro	Moses P. Busiel	Relief Brawn
	8	Nancy Harvey Grant	69	2		Strafford Vt	F		M	Housewife		Thetford, Vt	Joseph B. Clough	Lepha Tewksbury
	9	Orison Twombly	69	0	28	Portsmouth	M		M	Machinist	Dover	Eliot, Me	Amos Twombly	Mercy Spinney
	12	Alvah T. Swain	82	2	16	Meredith	M		W	Farmer	Meredith	Canaan	Benjamin Swain	Mary Davis
	13	Harlow Pierson	65	1	7	Pierrepont, N.Y	M		M	Laborer		Pierrepont, N.Y.	John Pierson	Rhoda Olmstead
	15	Hattie E. Flack	28			RoxtonPond,PQ	F		W	Housekeeper	Ste. A. Plaines PQ	S.Scholtique P Q	John Bisson	Marguerite Desjardins
	19	John B. Daoust, Jr	40	6	20	Beauharnois, P.Q	M		M	Molder	Beauharnois, P.Q	Beauharnois P.Q	John B. Daoust	Gudic Gendron
	20	Cora May Clay	32			Laconia	F		M	Housewife	Centre Harbor	Sheffield, Vt	Oliver C. Taylor	Harriet A. Bradley
Dec.	1	Infant—Rublee	0	0	0	"	M				Gilford	Gilford	Henry A. Rublee	Mabel L. Stone
	11	Etienne Turgeon	64			St.Gervais, P.Q	M		M	Miller			Etienne Turgeon	
	12	Thomas J. Merrill	68			Warren	M		W	Laborer			True Merrill	Mary Abbott
	14	Abner Sanborn Spiller	73	0	19	Ashland	M		M	Carpenter			William Spiller	—Cross
	15	George McMurphy	0	0	1	Laconia	M				Littleton	Inverness, P. Q	Harry H. McMurphy	Mary Alice Davidson
	16	Joseph Flanders, Jr	77	11	16	UpperGilmanton	M		W	Stone mason	Gilmanton	Exeter	Joseph Flanders	Sophia Hall
	18	Almira Dow	77	5		Gilford	F		W	Housekeeper	Danvers, Mass	Gilford	Jeduthan Gilford	Betsey Davis
	20	William Trippleton	59	7	15	Pudsey, England	M		M	Spinner	Yorkshire, Eng	Yorkshire, Eng	James Trippleton	Rachel Burleigh
	21	Rigobert Guay	83	5	7	St Jos de Levis PQ	M		W	Merchant	St. Jos. Levis, P Q	St Jos. Levis. P.Q	André Guay	Jabotté Paradis
	24	Emeline S. Taylor	73	5	8	New Boston	F		W	Housekeeper			John Dodge	Mary T. Lovett
	26	Infant—Clarke	0	0	0	Laconia	M				Worcester, Mass.	Westminster M's	Frank O. Clarke	Alice N. Clarke

DEATHS AT BELKNAP COUNTY FARM.

Jan.	19	George T. Horn	54			New Hampton	M	White.	M	Farmer	Tuftonboro	New Hampton	James M. Horn	Judith Smith
Apr.	28	Versile Tilton	64				M			Farmer				
May	1	Israel Bartlett	86				M			Farmer				
Oct.	2	Caroline Dora Evans	1	5	17	Laconia	F				Ashland	Meredith	Edward Evans	Eva D. Gillis
Nov.	2	Sarah Ellis	71				F		W	Housekeeper				

Brought to the City of Laconia for Burial During the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Marri'd or Widowed.	Occupation.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Name and P. O. Address of Physician (or other person) Reporting Death.
Feb. 12	Lincoln	Angus McNeil	54	...	...	M	White.	...	...	Fracture of skull and spine	E. L. Bell, North Woodstock
June 24	Concord	Melvin Clifford	56	...	...	M		W	Road master, B. & M.	Apoplexy	...
Aug. 9	Ashland	Oscar G. Gingras	...	7	1	M		...	...	Cholera infantum	A. R. Gary, Ashland
Aug. 22	Lincoln	Henry Ernest Bolduc	2	2	..	M		...	...	Colitis	E. L. Bell, North Woodstock
Sept. 23	"	Joseph Bolduc	...	7	16	M		...	...	Cholera infantum	J. A. Drew, North Woodstock

Number of marriages, 62.

Number of births, 152.

Number of deaths, 141.

IN MEMORIAM

AUGUSTUS W. SMITH

AN EXEMPLARY CITIZEN AND A RESPECTED

MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

DIED

MAY 8TH, 1897.

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